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Storage in three major hydel reservoirs lesser

BENGALURU/HASSAN

Though rains have wrecked havoc in Malnad region in the last few days, the storage in the three major hydel reservoirs of the State located in this region is marginally lesser when compared with the position in the corresponding period during previous year.

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Nominations to boards, corporations cancelled

BENGALURU/MYSURU

The State government on Monday evening issued an "emergency" order to Additional Chief Secretaries and Secretaries of 22 departments asking them to cancel nominated heads of government-owned boards, corporations and authorities in the State.

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'Eight cases of fish kill in seven months of 2022'

BENGALURU

In an alarming trend, a total of eight instances of fish kill were reported in Bengaluru lakes within seven months of 2022, surpassing the annual fish kill numbers in the last five years, as per a report, 'Fishkill in Lakes of Bengaluru (2017-2022)', released by ActionAid.

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Gotabaya 'stuck' as U.S. 'rejects' visa request

Set to resign as President today, he is exploring options

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

The U.S. rejected Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's recent request for a visa, *The Hindu* learns from a top official, amid growing speculation over the beleaguered leader's "attempts to flee" the country after promising to quit office.

Mr. Gotabaya, formerly a dual citizen of Sri Lanka and the U.S., gave up his American citizenship ahead of the 2019 election because of a law that barred foreign nationals from running for the presidency. He won the election with a thumping majority, but became, arguably, the country's most unpopular leader mid-term, amid a severe economic meltdown that is stifling citizens.

"He sought a safe passage to the U.S. after the recent events, but it was denied," the Colombo-based official said on Tuesday. Mr. Gotabaya's reported attempt to leave the island follows his decision to resign, prompted by a sensational citizens' protest on Saturday. Resisting his failed response to the unprecedented economic crisis gripping the island, a wave of protesters stormed the Presidential Secretariat and residence in Colombo in a dramatic escalation of months-long protests demanding that Mr. Gotabaya "go home". He was evacuated from his official residence hours before the incident, officials said. However, his whereabouts remain unknown since.

Occupy house: Visitors at the Presidential Secretariat on Tuesday after it was overrun by protesters in Colombo. • AFP

When *The Hindu* sought a comment from the American Embassy in Colombo, a spokesperson said: "Visa records are confidential under U.S. law; therefore, we cannot discuss the details of individual visa cases."

In a statement on Sunday, U.S. Ambassador to Sri Lanka Julie Chung called upon all parties "to cooperate to achieve a peaceful, democratic transition of power". It signalled a clear shift from the U.S. position just a month ago, when President Gotabaya appointed Ranil Wickremesinghe as Premier, disregarding protests, to prolong the life of his government that a majority of Sri Lankans had deemed untenable.

Mr. Gotabaya, expected to resign officially on Wednesday, is said to be exploring other options, according to sources in Colombo. It was widely rumoured that Mr. Gotabaya was headed to a West Asian country on Monday for immediate safety, fearing further reprisals in Sri Lanka. *AFP* on Tuesday reported that he was "stuck" in Colombo.

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At above 7%, retail inflation stays stubborn

VIKAS DHOOT
NEW DELHI

India's retail inflation inched lower to 7.01% in June, from May's 7.04%, but stayed stuck above the 7% mark for the third straight month. Price gains also exceeded the RBI's upper tolerance limit of 6% for the sixth month.

Rural inflation edged up to 7.09%, from 7.08% in May, while urban consumers faced a 6.92% price rise, as per the Consumer Price Index released on Tuesday. Food price inflation, as per the Consumer Food Price Index, eased to 7.75%, from 7.97%, but remained above 8% in urban areas, at 8.04%.

Higher costs for cereals, and vegetables such as tomatoes, as well as milk and meat, clothing and footwear and services, were balanced out by slower price gains in edible oils and fuel, following excise and import duty cuts.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman emphasised the need to keep a constant vigil on prices and sustain growth impulses.

" Till the start of the second half... the central bank and the government will have to be extremely mindful and watchful of price movements. I will keep monitoring (inflation) item by item," she said.

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A brief history of time

What looks much like craggy moonlit mountains is the edge of a nearby, young, star-forming region NGC 3324 in the Carina Nebula. Captured in infrared light by the Near-Infrared Camera (NIRCam) on NASA's James Webb Space Telescope, this image, among many revealed at the White House on Tuesday, shows previously obscured areas of star birth. Called the Cosmic Cliffs, the region is actually the edge of a gigantic, gaseous cavity within NGC 3324, roughly 7,600 light-years away. • NASA (REPORT ON PAGE 15)

Uddhav faction backs Murmu; support dwindling for Sinha

ALOK DESPHANDE
MUMBAI

Support for the Opposition's Presidential candidate, Yashwant Sinha, is fast dwindling with even parties outside the National Democratic Alliance lining up behind its nominee, Droupadi Murmu. Former Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray is the latest to join the queue.

On Tuesday, he announced support for Ms. Murmu for the July 18 election.

Mr. Thackeray's announcement came a day after a meeting of his faction of the Shiv Sena with 12 of the 18 Lok Sabha members requesting him to support Ms. Murmu. With the legislature party divided and a majority of the MLAs joining hands with rebel leader and now Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, the party was staring at yet another split with Lok Sabha members extending support to the Shinde camp. Mr. Thackeray said, "The Sena has taken similar decisions in the past. We had supported Pratibhatai Patil in her bid to become the first woman president. We had also supported the late Pranab *da*, though he was the UPA candidate. our MPs said it was time to support Droupadi Murmu *ji*."

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Ministry takes up transgender pilot's case

Denial of commercial pilot licence to candidate is discriminatory, it tells DGCA

DAMINI NATH
JAGRITI CHANDRA
NEW DELHI

The decision of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to deny a commercial pilot licence to a transgender candidate is "discriminatory" and "violates" the law on the rights of transgender people, the Union Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry has said in a letter to the aviation regulator.

Adam Harry

The Ministry has demanded that the DGCA provide guidelines for licensing and separate medical standards to enable transgender people to join the flying profession.

The letter follows a report in *The Hindu* on July 3 about 23-year-old Adam Harry, a trans-male, who was granted a commercial pilot licence on the condition that he stop his hormone therapy to transition into a male.

But the treatment for Mr. Harry is a life-long one, and he says he cannot sacrifice his identity for his profession by discontinuing his transition. "I want to fly as who I am," he told *The Hindu*.

The Ministry, the nodal Ministry for implementation of policies on transgender people, has suggested that training be conducted to "sensitise" DGCA officials to the rights of transgender people. It sought a report from the regulator on Mr. Harry's case, along with the steps undertaken by it to prevent a repeat of such incidents.

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Defer hearing in ACB case, says SC

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday sought three days' time to examine a July 11 order passed by Karnataka High Court Judge, Justice H.P. Sandesh, in which he revealed that he was threatened with transfer for his manner of examining a case linked to the State Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB).

"We request the learned judge to defer the hearing [in the ACB cases] for a period of three days to enable us to look into the order passed on July 11. List it on Friday," a Bench led by Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana observed in its order on Tuesday.

The order came on separate petitions filed by the Karnataka ACB and its top officer, ADGP Seemant Kumar Singh Singh, to expunge adverse remarks made by Justice Sandesh in court about them. They also wanted a stay on the proceedings before his Bench.

Justice Sandesh had called the ACB a "collection centre" and Mr. Singh a "tainted officer".

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IISc. team develops technology to produce hydrogen from biomass

India uses 50 lakh tonnes of hydrogen for various processes

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A team of researchers from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc.) has developed an innovative technology to produce hydrogen from biomass, a renewable energy source.

India uses nearly 50 lakh tonnes of hydrogen for various processes in different sectors, and the hydrogen market is expected to grow substantially in the coming years, said S. Dasappa, Professor at the Centre for Sustainable Technologies and Chair of the Interdisciplinary Centre for Energy Research at IISc., who led the team.

"But most of the hydrogen we currently use comes from fossil fuels through a process called steam methane reforming route."

The team has now found a way to extract green hydrogen from biomass. An IISc. release explained that the process consists of two steps.

Biomass is first converted into syngas – a hydrogen-rich fuel gas mixture - in a novel reactor using oxygen and steam. In the second step, pure hydrogen is generated from syngas using an indigenously developed low-pressure gas separation unit.

The oxy-steam gasification system at the combustion, gasification and propulsion laboratory at the Indian Institute of Science.

"Both these technologies ensure that this process is a highly efficient method of generating green hydrogen; it produces 100 g of hydrogen from 1 kg of biomass even though only 60 g of hydrogen are present in 1 kg of biomass. This is because in this process, steam, which also contains hydrogen, participates in both homogeneous and heterogeneous reactions," explained the release.

The production of green hydrogen using this process is environmentally friendly for another reason: it is carbon negative. The two carbon-based by-products are solid carbon, which serves as a carbon sink, and carbon dioxide, which can be used in other value-added products, it added, also mentioning how the technology also dovetails with the National Hydrogen Energy Roadmap, an initiative of the Government of India that aims to promote the use of hydrogen as a fuel and reduce dependence on fossil fuels.

The project was supported by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy and the Department of Science and Technology of the Government of India. The team also acknowledged the support of Indian Oil Corporation Limited in scaling up the technology to produce 0.25 tonnes of hydrogen per day for use in hydrogen-powered fuel cell buses.

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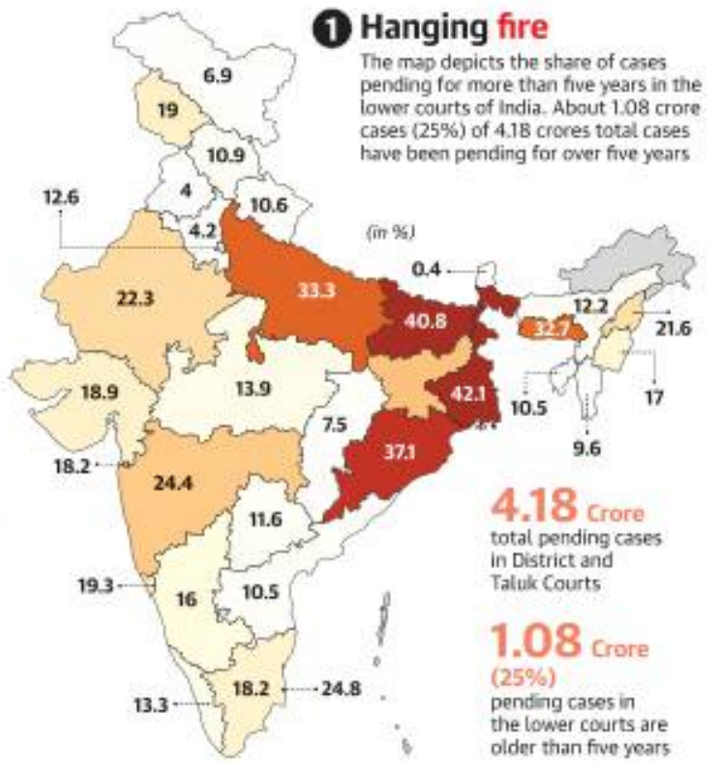
Slow wheels of JUSTICE

More than four crore cases are pending in the lower courts (District and Taluk Courts) of India, of which about 25% have been pending for over five years. More than half of India's pending cases were filed in lower courts of Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar, and West Bengal. The stark rise in pending cases is a demand and supply issue. In some States, the number of cases filed per capita has burgeoned in recent years, and so the demand for justice is higher. In other States, due to relatively high judicial vacancies, the supply of justice is poor, delaying the cases. For instance, in Maharashtra, Kerala, Delhi, Haryana, and Himachal Pradesh, though the number of cases pending per lakh population is higher than 4,500, less than 25% of them have been pending for more than five years — mostly a demand-side issue. In Bihar and West Bengal, the number of cases pending per capita is lower than national average but over 40% of them are pending for more than 5 years — a supply-side issue. In States such as U.P. and Odisha, both these figures are above India's average — a demand and supply-side issue. Judicial vacancies as a share of sanctioned strength in lower courts are 20% or more in 19 States/U.T.s. Due to inconsistent recruitment, in some States such as Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar and Telangana, there is only one judge per one lakh people. Because of the incessant delays, undertrials as a share of total prisoners have peaked at 76% in 2020. And prisons, especially in the north are overcrowded with occupancy rates as high as 177% in Uttar Pradesh.

By **Pratap Vardhan*** and **Rebecca Rose Varghese**

1 Hanging fire

The map depicts the share of cases pending for more than five years in the lower courts of India. About 1.08 crore cases (25%) of 4.18 crores total cases have been pending for over five years

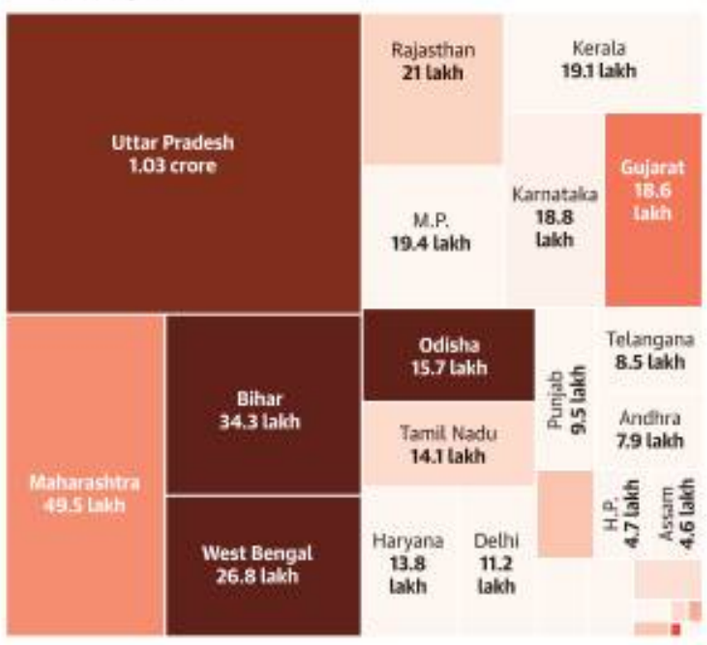


4.18 Crore total pending cases in District and Taluk Courts

1.08 Crore (25%) pending cases in the lower courts are older than five years

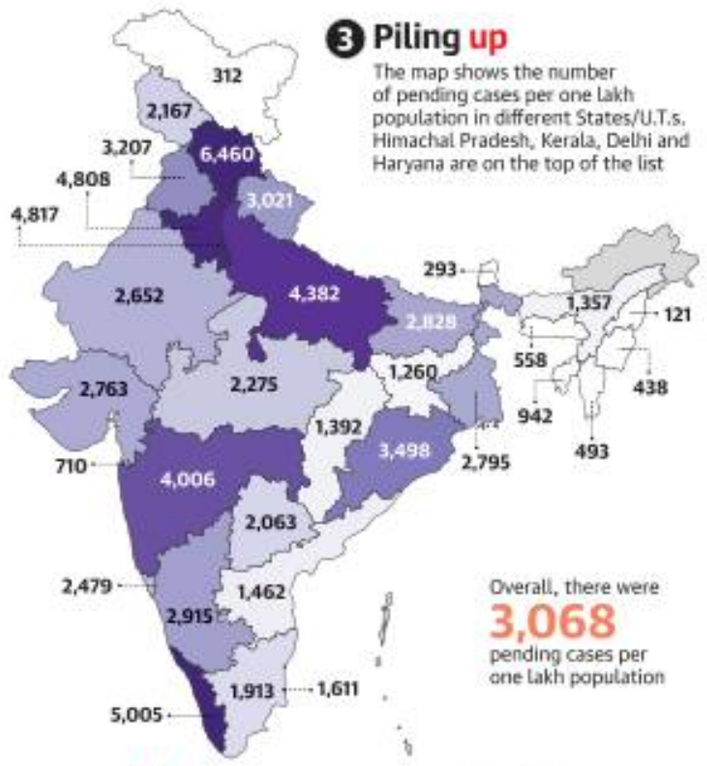
2 State-wise share

The tree-map depicts the number of pending cases across different States. With over one crore cases, U.P. has the most pending cases, of which 14% have been pending for more than 10 years



3 Piling up

The map shows the number of pending cases per one Lakh population in different States/U.T.s. Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Delhi and Haryana are on the top of the list



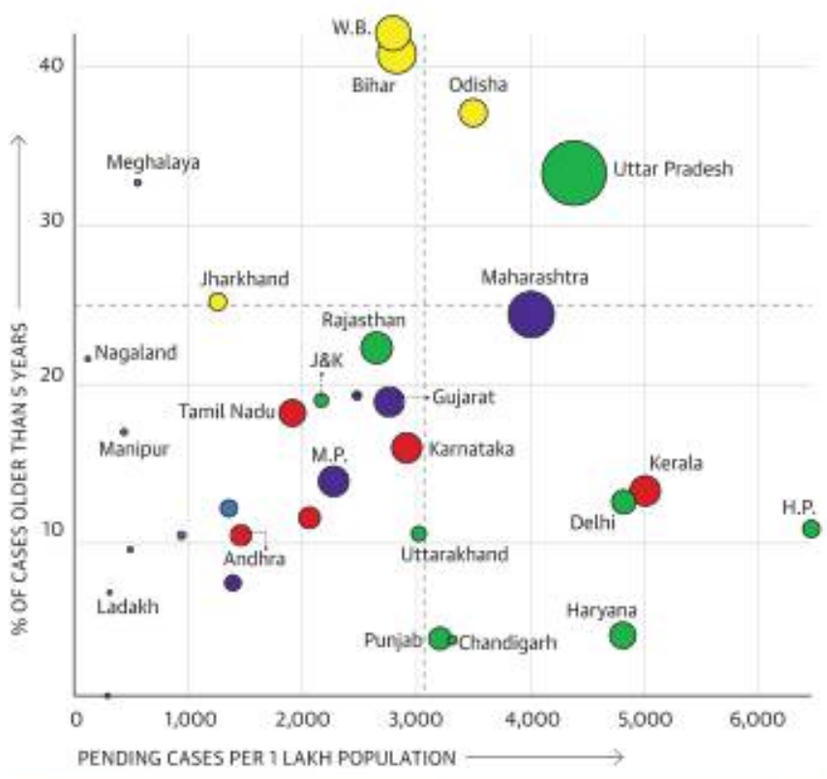
Overall, there were **3,068** pending cases per one Lakh population

4 Delays and lengths

The chart shows the number of pending cases per 1 lakh population against the share of cases pending for more than five years in different States/U.T.s. Though the number of cases per capita is high for Kerala, Delhi, Haryana and Himachal their pendency % is lower than 25%. U.P and Odisha have both a higher number of cases per capita and the share of cases pending for more than five years

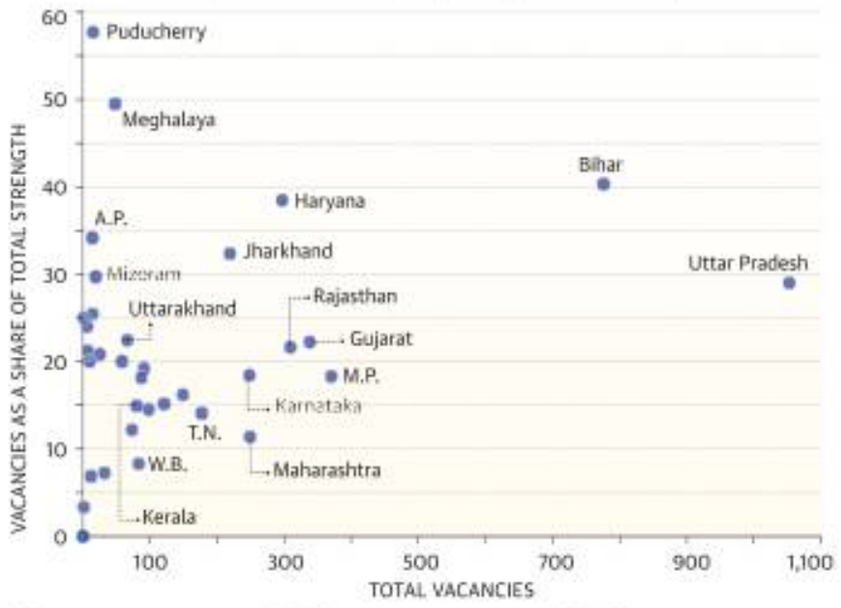
South East North Northeast Central & Western

Bubble size proportional to total pending cases in District and Taluka Courts of India



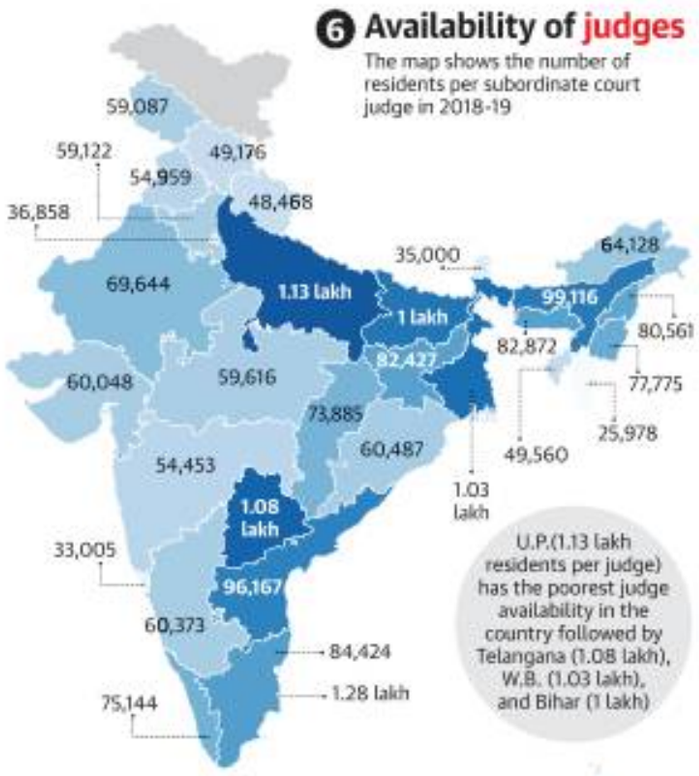
5 Court vacancies

The scatter-plot shows the total vacancies of judges in the lower courts (horizontal axis) and the vacancies as a share of the total sanctioned strength (vertical axis) as of 2020. For instance, in Uttar Pradesh, there were about 1,000 judicial vacancies in lower courts and the share of vacancies in the total sanctioned strength was about 30%, among the highest in the country



6 Availability of judges

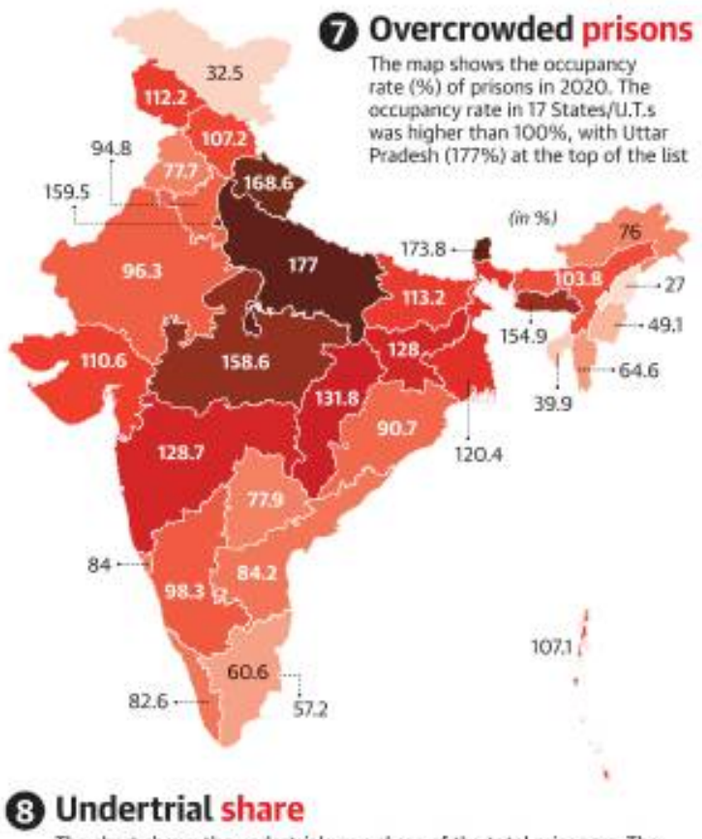
The map shows the number of residents per subordinate court judge in 2018-19



U.P.(1.13 lakh residents per judge) has the poorest judge availability in the country followed by Telangana (1.08 lakh), W.B. (1.03 lakh), and Bihar (1 lakh)

7 Overcrowded prisons

The map shows the occupancy rate (%) of prisons in 2020. The occupancy rate in 17 States/U.T.s was higher than 100%, with Uttar Pradesh (177%) at the top of the list



8 Undertrial share

The chart shows the undertrials as a share of the total prisoners. The share of undertrials has increased substantially over the years

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Earning from scrap

62 In ₹ crore, the amount contributed by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances to the government exchequer by selling off scrap, according to Union Minister of State Jitendra Singh. The Minister was addressing the valedictory session of a regional conference, "Bringing Citizens, Entrepreneurs and Government Closer For Good Governance", in Karnataka. The Dept took up a cleanliness drive during which they collected this amount by selling off mostly old electronics. PTI

Public grievances

5.59 In lakh, the number of public grievances against various government departments received by the Centre between January 1 and June 25, according to an official report. Of the total complaints received on the Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System, as many as 5.32 lakh were disposed of. The maximum number of grievances were against the Dept of Financial Services followed by the Ministry of Labour and Employment and the Ministry of Railways. PTI

Cash from Tesla shares

8.5 In $ billion, the amount of cash Tesla Chief Executive Elon Musk has sitting in the bank, raised from selling shares of the automaker in April to finance the Twitter acquisition. Musk sold 9.6 million Tesla shares at an average price of around $885 per share putting him in a better cash position now than he was a year ago because he had sold the stock, at a fairly high price. After Mr. Musk tore up his April 25 agreement to buy Twitter, the two sides face a potentially drawn-out legal battle that could cost Mr. Musk billions. REUTERS

Russian assets frozen

13.8 In $ billion, the worth of the Russian assets frozen by the European Union (EU) after Russia invaded Ukraine on February 24, according to EU Justice Commissioner Didier Reynders. Ukrainian Justice Minister Denys Maliuska said that the country was suffering from economic losses and that it did not make sense to cover all those losses with the money of Ukrainian or European taxpayers'. He added that the Russian assets should be used to cover compensation for war damages. AFP

Distributing free ration

80 In crore, the number of people who were provided with free ration for eight months during COVID-19, without any discrimination, according to Minister of Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur. Appealing to the people to take adequate precautions, he claimed that in his constituency people have been administered the COVID-19 vaccine, free of cost. The Minister made these statements while dedicating a PSA oxygen plant to Tounidevi Civil Hospital in his constituency Harimpur, Himachal Pradesh. PTI

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Mediation Bill: Not getting the Act together

While it contains many pluses, the Bill needs improvement in some crucial places

THE GIST

- The Bill recognises that mediation has come of age and needs to be treated as a profession, which is a huge improvement over the part-time honorarium basis it had in the court-annexed mediation schemes.
- The governing mechanism, which is the Council, has three members: a retired senior judge, a person with experience of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) law and an academic who has taught ADR. It does not have even one single mediator in the body.
- While the government has called for comments on the draft Bill, what is missing is the element of focused and engaged discussion after comments are sent.

SRIRAM PANCHU

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Law and Justice has recommended substantial changes to the Mediation Bill. The panel has particularly cautioned the Centre against making pre-litigation mediation compulsory. In this article dated December 8, 2021, Sriram Panchu explains the good, the bad and the sad of the much disputed Mediation Bill.

Over the last 15 years, the dispute resolution landscape in India has undergone significant change with the advent of mediation. To house this consensual creature in the same stables as thoroughbreds of adversarial litigation and arbitration was a challenge, and even more to ensure that they got on reasonably well, working in tandem in inventive ways like arbitration-cum-mediation and vice versa.

It seems to be the way of the world that when something becomes prominent, there must be a law to regulate it. And so with mediation. While scattered mention was made of its use in several statutes, including commercial and consumer disputes, there was no comprehensive statute providing for all dimensions of the mediation process and its practice. Such a need was articulated in several quarters, notwithstanding doubters and dissenters who insist that regulation will kill the free spirit that mediation embodies. A group of senior mediators was set up by the Supreme Court Committee in charge of court-annexed mediation process, and over a period of several months, a draft Bill emerged which then started to make its way through the labyrinthine processes of governmental and legislative mandarins. The resultant Bill titled the Draft Mediation Bill 2021, slated for presentation now to Parliament, bears no resemblance to the original in some crucial places. It reminds the mediation community of an old Clint Eastwood film – the Good, the Bad, and the Sad (tweaked).

The good

The Bill recognises that mediation has come of age and needs to be treated as a profession, which is a huge improvement over the part-time honorarium basis it has in the court-annexed mediation schemes. The Bill acknowledges the importance of institutes to train mediators, and service providers to provide structured mediation under their rules. It provides for pre-litigation mediation. This is quite a remarkable step, but is designed to be easy to implement. Parties are required to have at least one substantive session with the mediator where the process is explained to them. Thereafter they are free to continue or terminate the mediation and follow the litigation path if they so decide. Further, if any urgent interim order is needed, they can bypass mediation at the first stage and return to it after resolving the interim relief issue.

Another plus is that the Bill does away with the confusion emanating from using both expressions "mediation" and "conciliation" in different statutes by opting for the former in accordance with international practice, and defining it widely to include the latter. It recognises online dispute resolution, a process that is going to move mediation from the wings to centre stage in a world that COVID-19 has changed. It provides for enforcement of commercial settlements reached in international mediation viz between parties from different countries as per the Singapore Convention on Mediation to which India was a notable signatory. The Convention assures disputants that their mediation settlements will be enforced without much difficulty across the world, unlike the fresh headaches that the litigative decree or arbitration award present at the time of enforcement.

The bad

Leading in from the last point, it is expected that this Bill would make India a hub for international mediation in the commercial disputes field, and indeed institutions are being opened for this purpose. Exactly the reverse may happen. This is because the Bill unwisely treats international mediation when conducted in India as a domestic mediation. The settlement under the latter is given the status of a judgment or decree of a court. Now, that is excellent for cases between Indian parties, but disastrous when one party is foreign. The reason is that the Singapore Convention does not apply to settlements which already have the status of a judgment or decree. Ergo, if you conduct your cross-border mediation in India, you lose out on the tremendous benefits of worldwide enforceability. In sum, go to Singapore or Sri Lanka or anywhere else other than India to conduct your mediation. If this drafting mismatch is not remedied, dreams of our robust hubs and ease of doing business in India are neatly nipped in the bud.

Then comes the governing mechanism, the Council. It has three members: a retired senior judge, a person with experience of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) law and an academic who has taught ADR. This is an all-powerful body which regulates, certifies, accredits, plans, governs, etc., and it doesn't have a single mediator. Judging from the fact that these are full-time members, it is clear that none of them will be active practitioners. Most likely we are looking at sinecures for the bureaucratic and academic world. Certainly this Bill will be unique where a profession is being regulated without a single professional on the regulator. Try doing that to lawyers, doctors and accountants. And one more lapse – this is the field of dispute resolution, the judiciary's domain, so how come the Chief Justice of India is not in the picture for making appointments?

Then there is a long list of disputes which should not be mediated. Some of them look understandable at first sight but unnecessary at second. Fraud, for example. It is standard practice

in litigation to make as many and as serious charges as possible; that doesn't prevent parties from settling, and these accusations are disposed of by retraction or apology or simply ignored. In cases involving minors or persons of unsound mind, the law provides for the court to pass orders to protect them. All that is necessary is to provide that any settlement of disputes involving them needs the court's approval, not to deny the possibility of a beneficial mediated settlement. Patents and copyright cases settle on commercial terms leaving untouched the validity of the grant, so why deny this possibility and consign the parties to litigative longevity? In the case of telecom, why can't manufacturers and service providers and consumers be allowed to talk and resolve issues?

The sad

Why can't we get our act together to get the Mediation Bill in good shape? Why can't all the stakeholders get this Bill together? Mediators, lawyers, judges have applied their minds to a considerable degree. To be fair to the government, it did call for comments on the draft Bill. What is missing is the element of focused and engaged discussion after comments are sent. It is as though a wall has been erected and no one knows what is going to emerge. We all have a common purpose: to place mediation strongly in our legal landscape, and place India prominently in the world's mediation landscape. Even if it takes more discussion and consideration amongst all stakeholders, let that be done. It is for Parliament now to do the needful. We should not settle for less.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Good morning, Sir."

"Good morning."

"Sir, is it 'with a view to going there' or 'with a view to go there'?"

"With a view to going there is correct. 'With a view to' is followed by a verbal noun or gerund.

With a view to improving standards, certain measures were taken.

With a view to impressing me, he told me some tall stories.

With a view to getting some grant from the Government, he has gone to Delhi."

"Sir, is it correct to say 'They saw off the minister at the airport'?"

"No. It should be 'They saw the Minister off at the airport'. 'I saw him off at the station.' You see someone off. You don't see off someone. But you can say, 'He was seen off by his friends and admirers'."

"What is the difference between 'a murderer' and 'an assassin', sir?"

"A murderer kills unlawfully. He kills with 'malicious forethought and intention'. An assassin murders treacherously. He kills an important person and the motive is generally political or religious.

President Kennedy was assassinated. Gandhiji was assassinated.

The word 'assassin' comes from Arabic 'hashashin' meaning 'hashish-eaters'.

In the 13th century a prince, who was called the 'Old Man of the Mountain', lived between Antioch and Damascus. He was a fanatic who trained young men to kill the crusaders and rivals of Muslim sects. The young men were given intoxicating hashish. Assassins were those who killed under the influence of hashish. Hashish is none other than hemp or marijuana. These days it is not necessary to take hashish to become an assassin. Anyway, remember that the word assassin is from Arabic 'Hashish'."

"How do you pronounce 'excite', sir?"

"It is pronounced 'Iksait'. 'Sait' rhymes with 'tight', 'fight' and 'light'. The stress is on the second syllable 'sait'."

"Sir, I must leave early today. I have to meet a reputed Sanskrit scholar."

"Please go. But I am sure you are going to meet a scholar of repute. 'A reputed scholar' is a scholar with a doubtful reputation. Don't say 'He is a reputed scholar', 'He is a reputed teacher', 'He is a reputed salesman'. Instead say, 'He is a scholar of repute'. 'He is a famous teacher'. 'He is a famous statesman'. Don't use 'reputed' if you want to compliment someone. 'Repute' and 'reputation' are all right. Well, you may go now. Good bye."

"Thank you, sir. Good bye."

THE DAILY QUIZ

Erno Rubik, the creator of the eponymous cube that has become a worldwide phenomenon, was born on this date in 1944. A quiz on famous games and puzzles from around the world

1 The popular board game Ludo is set to have origins in which ancient cross and circle board game, a version of which played an important part in one of the Indian epics?

2 There are 43,252,003,274,489,856,000 possible configurations but only one solution to this addictive toy/puzzle. Name it and the country of its origin.

3 Which famous brand, whose name comes from the Danish words for 'Play Well', was started by carpenter Ole Kirk Christiansen?

4 Which game that tests the players' knowledge was invented by two Canadians in 1981 when they could not play Scrabble because of some missing tiles?

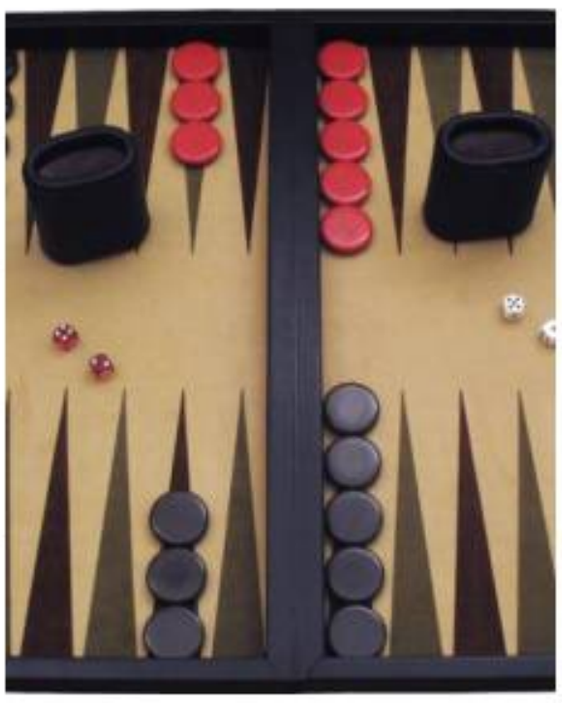
5 Of the six tokens used in the original game of Monopoly, three are the Boot, Racehorse, and the Iron. Name the other three.

6 Mr. Boddy and Dr. Black perform the same role in the U.S. and U.K. version of this game. Name the game and the role they assume.

7 Many of us are familiar with playing cards. So, of the four kings in the deck, who is the clean-shaven one i.e. has no moustache?

8 'With this card, you must have no other alternative cards to play that matches the colour of the card previously played' is a rule in which popular game?

9 In the English version of Scrabble, what is the total face value of the 100 tiles, and which is the only letter with a value of 5?



Name this game. • WIKIPEDIA COMMONS

Please send in your answers to the **dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in**

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz:

1. The sport which was initially played in the All England Club. What was the club called then? **Ans: Croquet, All England Croquet Club**
2. This person was the first player to use this specific technique at the inaugural Wimbledon Championship. **Ans: Spencer Gore, Volleying**
3. Wimbledon courts are sown with this type of grass. **Ans: Ryegrass**
4. This sports brand has the longest sporting sponsorship in world history. **Ans: Slazenger**
5. This food staple has become culturally synonymous with the Wimbledon tournament. **Ans: Strawberries and cream**
6. This is a British and Japanese analogy which compares the fame of the Wimbledon Championships with the economic success of the U.K.'s industries. **Ans: The Wimbledon effect**

Q7. The Wimbledon Championship is sometimes referred to by this famous postcode. **Ans: SW19**

8. She is the only player in history to have held the top spot in both the singles and doubles category for over 200 weeks. **Ans: Martina Navratilova**
9. These two British tennis players in the 19th century won the doubles title five times together. **Ans: William Renshaw, Ernest Renshaw**

Early Birds: Thejasanuo Vich| Dipankar Baidya| Sarthak Negi| Mayank Goyel| Rupali Chaudhari

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Eight cases of fish kill in 7 months of 2022: Report

Entry of sewage has been cited as the most common factor

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

In an alarming trend, a total of eight instances of fish kill were reported in Bengaluru lakes within seven months of 2022, surpassing the annual fish kill numbers for the last five years.

A report, 'Fishkill in Lakes of Bengaluru (2017-2022)', released by ActionAid, shows that while six incidents were reported in 2017 and 2018, the numbers came down during the lockdown years between 2019 and 2021.

In the last five years, a total of 32 cases of fish kill were identified in the city. This report is a secondary research, taking news reports as the database.

The report has also identified four vulnerable lakes which are prone to fish kill, based on the number of times of incidence. The Haralur lake, in particular, has seen three cases within five years. The Madiwala, the Bellandur, and the Kommaghatta lakes have had two incidents each.

"Three cases of fish kill in Haralur lake within five years is a matter of serious concern and sewage seems to be the major reason, apart from industrial chemicals, for the fish kill," the report says.

Entry of sewage seems to be the most common factor in most of these incidents; it has been identified as the main reason for 51% of the cases of fish kill in lakes. This is followed by toxins and chemicals which accounted for 23%. Apart from them, industrial effluents, pesticides and fertilizers, and sewage treatment plants (STP) are the other identified causes.

The report further explains, "Sewage constituting 51% seems to be the biggest challenge making lakes vulnerable to fish kill in Bengaluru. Organic matter in sewage uses up the dissolved oxygen (DO) in the lake causing levels of DO to reduce, which ultimately causes fish kill".

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials, however, say that sewage was not the reason. "Fish kill happens when it rains and silt flows into lakes through drains and these silt particles get accumulated in the gills of the fish. This causes oxygen deprivation in them and that is why they die. This is why many cases of fish kill happen around the rainy season. This year, as the amount of rainfall was more, it might have caused a greater number of incidents," said Ravi K.V., Executive Engineer, Lakes, BBMP.

Number of fish kill over the years

Year	Fish kill
2017	6
2018	6
2019	4
2020	4
2021	4
2022	8

Major reasons for fish kill between 2017-22

Reason	Percentage
Sewage	51
Toxins and chemicals	23
Industries	12
Agriculture	2
STP performance issues	12

It can be observed in the report that except for August, cases of fish kill have been reported in all months in the last five years. Most of these incidents happened in May and December (seven and five respectively).

The matter of concern is that despite receiving a good amount of rainfall this year, there are these many cases of fish kill.

"Rainwater generally dilutes the water in the lake. It is worrying that these many incidents have occurred amidst the rainfall, as it must mean that the pollution levels in the lakes have reached severe levels. Entry of sewage is also problematic as it causes anoxic conditions in the water leading to the death of fish (oxygen deprivation)," said T.V. Ramachandra, Coordinator, Energy and Wetlands Research Group, Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science.

The report claims that several fish kill incidents in Bommanahalli region went unnoticed by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), as an RTI reply received from the board showed that no incidents of fish kill happened in their limits (in the region) between 2017 - 2022. A total of seven cases of fish kill were recorded in the study during the period in the same region. KSPCB officials were not available for a comment on the matter.

ActionAid has submitted the report, along with some recommendations, to the KSPCB, the BBMP, the Chief Minister, and the Principal Secretary-Environment and Ecology and Additional Chief Secretary- Urban Development. The recommendations include regular monitoring of the lakes in urban spaces, taking action against lake polluters, testing water quality in lakes, and avoiding the entry of sewage into the waterbodies.

Jammers to block 5G calls at Parappana Agrahara Central Prison

Home Minister Araga Jnanendra interacting with hospital staff at Parappana Agrahara Central Prison on Tuesday.

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Home Minister Araga Jnanendra announced that the State government will install powerful mobile jammers, which can block calls of even 5G mobile network, at the Parappana Agrahara Central Prison.

He was speaking after a surprise inspection of the prison on Tuesday. Mr. Jnanendra said the government had already begun the implementation of the ADGP S. Murugan Committee Report on irregularities in the prison and based on its recommendations had already transferred and suspended many officials.

The surprise inspection comes close on the heels of a recent spate of cases where several irregularities in the State's prisons have been flagged, including the alleged killers of Hindutva activist Harsha caught talking on mobile phones from the prison.

Mr. Jnanendra said he had issued a stern warning to prison officials that smuggling of narcotics and mobile phones into the prison should be curbed immediately.

During his visit, prison authorities briefed him that they had booked cases against seven persons and arrested four, including two police personnel, for various irregularities, mainly smuggling narcotics and mobile phones into the jail.

A man who was brought to the jail by the police was wearing a bandage on his leg which, when checked, revealed a mobile phone. A case was registered and the two policemen who escorted him to prison were also arrested, authorities told the Home Minister.

Mixed response to Chamarajpet bandh call

It was called by newly floated Chamarajpet Nagareekara Okkoota Vedike

Shops closed during the bandh and (right) police were deployed around the Idgah maidan in Bengaluru on Tuesday. • K. MURALI KUMAR

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The call for a Chamarajpet bandh, by the newly floated Chamarajpet Nagareekara Okkoota Vedike, to "save the playground" [Idgah maidan] met with a mixed response on Tuesday.

While most shops surrounding the maidan remained closed, except for medical shops, hotels, garages, and other emergency services, the bandh mostly failed to elicit any response beyond these few roads.

"Already suffering from losses, we cannot afford to close down business on the whims and fancies of some people," said Shantamma, who runs a provision store in the area.

Even in these lanes around the maidan, many shops were open on Tuesday morning, when members of the okkoota, including prominent residents like Lahari Velu, associated with the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), took out a padayatra.

Most of the shops around the maidan closed down only later. Some private schools in the vicinity of the grounds had declared holiday for the day on Monday itself, anticipating trouble.

However, there was support for the cause as well. "We have been fighting to retain the public nature of this playground since the 1970s and this is not a new controversy created now. It is a public ground and we should also be allowed to hold events there," said Suresh, a tailor in the area.

Activists of the vedike held a protest dharna and were detained by the police and later released. There was heavy police deployment in the area to prevent any untoward incident and the bandh call was peaceful.

Rukmangada S., general secretary of the vedike, termed the bandh a "success" and said they would soon meet Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and submit a memorandum and would also plan to hold a bike rally soon.

Make BMRCL's reports on translocation of trees available on website: HC

'Corporation has to implement compensatory plantation scheme'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday directed the Tree Officer of the BBMP to make available, through the website, the quarterly reports submitted by Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (BMRCL), about translocation of trees and compensatory plantation scheme implemented for removing trees for the metro project.

A Division Bench, comprising acting Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice J.M. Khazi, issued the direction during the hearing of a PIL related to non-implementation of the provisions of the Karnataka Preservation of Trees Act, 1976.

Meanwhile, the Bench directed Karnataka Road Development Corporation Ltd. (KRDCL) to implement compensatory plantation scheme to plant 2,693 saplings as recommended by the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Bengaluru to compensate felling of 91 huge trees for a road development project. The compensatory plantation scheme has to be completed within six weeks, the Bench said.

Also, the Bench permitted BMRCL to execute the permission granted by the Tree Officer to fell 14 trees for the metro project between the Silk Board signal and the Kadubeesanahalli junction, and seven trees at the Vellara junction and the Rashtriya Military School locality.

The Bench said that BMRCL has to implement compensatory plantation scheme to be recommended by the UAS, Bengaluru, in lieu of felling trees.

Two killed in accidents

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Two persons were killed in separate accidents on Monday night.

A pillion rider was killed and his son, who was driving, escaped with minor injuries, when a bike rammed their scooter near Tippenahalli Cross. The deceased has been identified as Tammayya, 50. His son was identified as Kumar, 28. As the bike rammed their scooter, the father-son duo fell down and Tammayya, who was not wearing a helmet, suffered a severe head injury.

He was rushed to a nearby private hospital and later died. The Peenya Traffic Police have registered a case against the bike rider.

In another case, a bike rider was killed when he rammed a truck that was parked by the roadside near NICE Road near Electronics City on Monday night. The deceased has been identified as Darshan, 37, a resident of Pragatinagar. His head banged against the truck and he suffered a severe head injury and was killed on the spot. The truck was parked by the roadside as it had no fuel and there was no proper lighting near the area.

Man held for wife's murder

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Kengeri police have cracked a recent case where the severely charred body of a woman was found in a deserted place in Visvesvaraya Layout.

Given the crime scene and that liquor bottles were found near the body, the police had initially suspected that the woman may have been sexually assaulted and killed. However, it has now turned out that she was murdered allegedly by her husband.

Searching for missing persons in the vicinity, the police identified the deceased as Nagina Khanum, a resident of Kengeri.

Tracking down her family, the police got leads that Nagina Khanum was allegedly being harassed by her husband Mohammed Rafeeq, 29, a JCB driver, who had gone missing ever since Nagina Khanum had gone missing too.

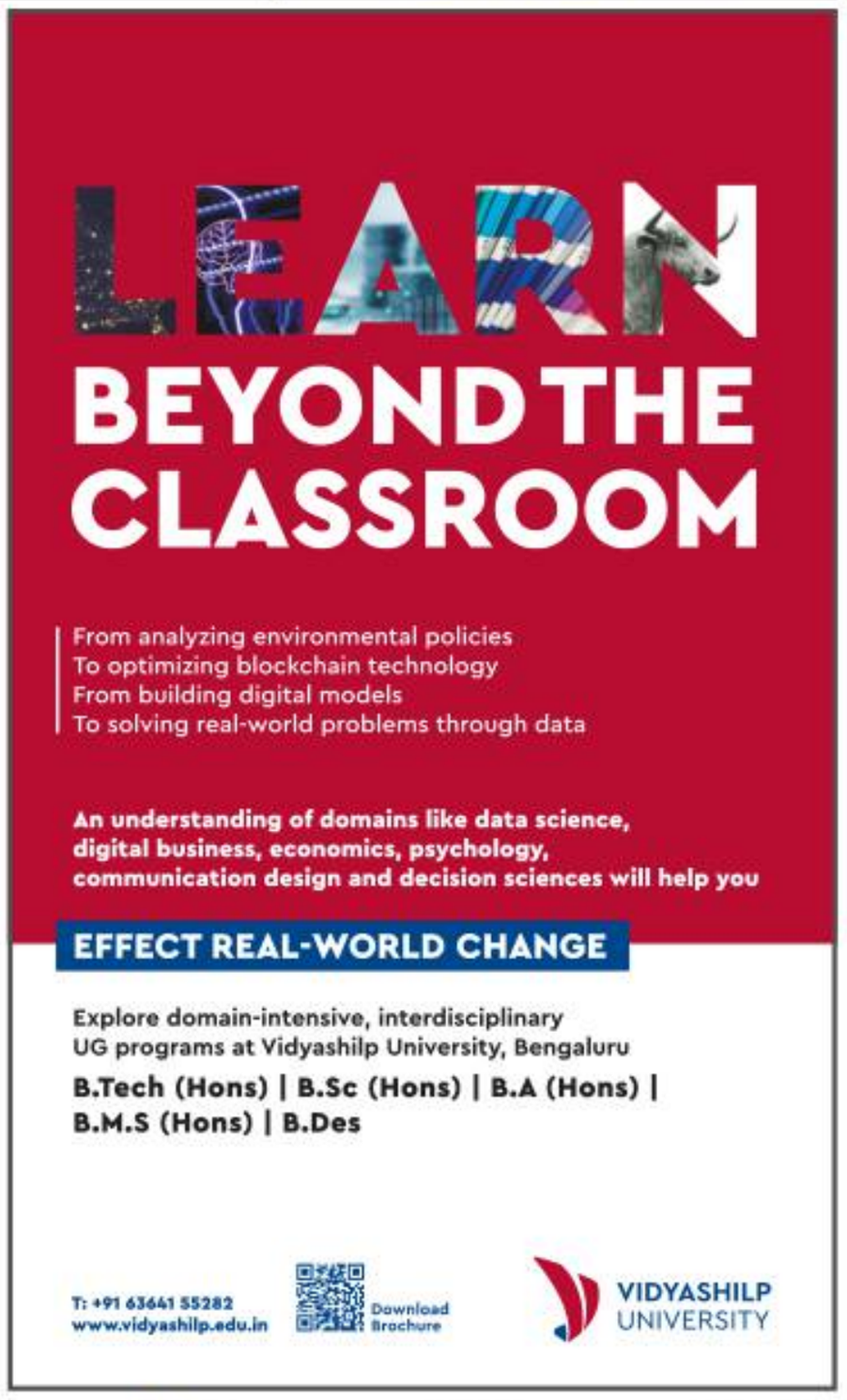
The police tracked him down to Vijayapura district and he confessed under sustained interrogation.

The police said Mohammed Rafeeq had suspected his wife's fidelity and had been quarrelling with her and decided to kill her.

On the fateful day, Mohammed Rafeeq called his colleague Prajwal, 21, seeking his help and later called Nagina Khanum to the deserted place, said the police.

Nagina Khanum went to meet her husband when he allegedly hit her with an iron rod on her head, killed her, and then burnt her body after dousing it with petrol.

He fled to Vijayapura and shaved his head to prevent detection. The police have arrested Mohammed Rafeeq and Prajwal.



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THURSDAY, JUL. 14
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RISE 19:44 SET 06:19

FRIDAY, JUL. 15
RISE 06:01 SET 18:50
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Bengaluru Today
27°C A comfortable but humid weather to prevail. Night will be pleasant. Chances of light rain and thundershower.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
28°C The weather will be mostly dry. Day will be comfortable but humid. Night will be pleasant.

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Cancellation of trains

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Owing to heavy rain, the following trains will be cancelled: Train No. 12504 Agartala - Bengaluru Cantonment weekly superfast express, journey commencing on July 16, 23 and 30 will be cancelled. Similarly, train No. 12503 Bengaluru Cantonment - Agartala weekly superfast express, journey commencing on July 19, 26 and August 8, 2022 will be cancelled.

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NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY POSITION PAPERS

10 bag-less days a year recommended

Paper on value education says there should be 'seva diwas' and 'anubhav diwas'

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Ten bag-less days a year have been recommended for students of Classes VI to VIII by experts in the position paper on value education. In addition, 'seva diwas' for Classes VI onwards and an 'anubhav diwas', wherein children visit places where social workers are helping the needy, have also been recommended.

As part of the National Education Policy (NEP)-2020 implementation in the State, 26 focus groups have been formed to write position papers which will provide direction for creating the State Curriculum Framework.

The 10-member value education focus group is part of the five, cross cutting themes applicable to 12 curricular topics.

The paper says during the bag-less days, students will intern with local vocational experts such as carpenters, gardeners, potters, artists, and others.

For 'seva diwas', various types of activities can be planned, like cleaning the school, upkeep of school garden, decorating the school premises, cleaning of a locality, decorating public places, helping the needy in the locality, teaching in slums, and others, the paper says.

Also, one day can be used as 'anubhav diwas', where children visit places of care where social workers are helping the needy, such as an orphanage, an old-age home, a school for the blind, and others.

'Anubhav diwas' can also be used to give an experience of various local traditions and cultural aspects, such as a puppet show, visit to a heritage site of the locality, a Janapada centre, and the like, it says.

The National Education Policy position paper on value education says during the bag-less days, students will intern with local vocational experts such as carpenters, gardeners, potters, artists, and others

School complex

DSERT of Kolar district has submitted the position paper on school complex. The concept of school complex aims to break the isolation of schools and provides for sharing instructional works, material facilities. In addition, it also provides cooperative efforts for improvement and provides to facilitate in-service training.

There are, in all, 86,769 schools functioning, out of which 63,707 are elementary, 17,511 secondary, and 5,551 are of higher secondary level. About 82.26% of lower primary schools are managed by the government. The overall private management participation in school education (up to class X) is 26.5%.

The paper also says that it is a huge challenge to bring foundational learners like nursery, LKG, UKG, and anganwadis under the school complex.

"Mobilising the learners to the feeder school is a challenge in all aspects due to their age. Regular change of teachers might have an impact on their learning. There are areas where the families live largely apart and segregated into different localities. In some areas like the Malnad region, coastal area in south Canara and the Western Ghats, schools are sparsely situated. Arranging transportation facilities requires special attention in terms of both expense and time," it says.

The paper says selected school complexes can be used for trying out and evaluating new textbooks, teachers, guides, and teaching aids. "The ill-equipped primary schools can be provided certain facilities and equipment to impart instructions successfully. The complex may be used as a unit for the introduction of better methods of evaluation and for regulating the promotion of children from class to class or from one level of school to another. Better library and laboratory facilities can be provided to the primary schools," it says.

Schools, organisations criticise proposals

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Schools and student organisations have slammed the recommendations of various National Education Policy-2020 position papers, including language education, knowledge of India, health and well-being, and others.

The Associated Managements of Primary and Secondary Schools in Karnataka (KAMS) has opposed the recommendations regarding the medium of instruction, which say that until at least Class V, but preferably till Class VIII and beyond, it will be the mother tongue or the local language.

Shashikumar. D., general secretary of KAMS, has written to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and said, "The government policy introducing Kannada as the first language to children whose mother tongue is Kannada is valid. The policy that all children, whose mother tongue is not Kannada, the official language of the State, shall study Kannada as one of the subjects is also valid. The policy to have the mother tongue or the regional language as the medium of instruction at the primary level is valid and legal, in the case of schools run or aided by the State. But, the policy compelling children studying in other government recognized schools to have primary education only in the mother tongue or the regional language is violative of Articles 19(1)(g), 26, and 30(1) of the Constitution".

Ajay Kamath, State secretary, AIDSO, said, "The V. Ramanathan-headed committee has put time-tested scientific inventions, such as the Pythagoras theorem and the incident of the apple falling on Issac Newton's head that explains gravity as fake news and remarks. Ancient Indian knowledge system, according to them, had the roots related to Pythagoras theorem and gravity".

"This means to say the knowledge in the fields of science, social science, and other things through ages from different countries are fake and the knowledge that is inherited through the ancient Indian roots are the truth and are great. This proposition by the committee has left many intellectuals, educationists, and professors seriously worried," he said.

"Another paper on health and well-being claims that eggs and meat will lead to disorders and suggests satvik food which is vegetarian. Studies have proven that the eggs and meat supplement proteins to the diet and has historically helped man in his brain development. The government had rightly decided to give eggs to children in the midday meals. Claims of this committee are not just unscientific, but are an effort to impose the eating habits of a small group of society on the rest," he said.

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St. Joseph's autonomous college is now a university

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St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) in Bengaluru has been upgraded to St. Joseph's University.

The State government formally conferred the status of a university on July 2, 2022, bringing to completion a process that began in 2013.

The institution will now be known as St. Joseph's University and it will start functioning from the academic year of 2022-23.

Fr. Victor Lobo, Principal, said in the press meet here on Tuesday, "The upgradation of colleges to universities has been brought under Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), the main aim of the programme being to create new universities by upgrading the autonomous colleges. Having a lot of colleges applying for the upgradation, St Joseph's is the only private college in Karnataka to be picked up under the scheme. Under the St. Joseph's University Bill, passed on February 23, 2021, the college has processed to become a university, functioning as a public-private partnership model, aiming to achieve higher education quality and standards".

New draft Bill seeks to regulate online pharmacies, clinical trials, medical devices

The Bill has been drafted to keep pace with changing needs, times, technology

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The recently-released draft of the New Drugs, Medical Devices and Cosmetics Bill, 2022, by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has proposed to regulate e-pharmacies, clinical trials and medical devices among others.

The Bill has been drafted to keep pace with changing needs, times, and technology as the existing Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, is a pre-independence legislation, according to the Health Ministry. Last year, the Central Government had constituted a committee to review obsolete laws and frame the Bill. The Ministry has invited suggestions, comments and objections from the public and stakeholders with regard to the draft Bill, within a period of 45 days from July 8, the date of issue of notice.

The draft Bill included provisions for penalties for failing to pay compensation for injury or death during clinical trials. • FILE PHOTO

The draft includes provisions for penalties, including imprisonment, for failing to pay compensation for injury or death during clinical trials for both drugs and medical devices. Currently, conduct of clinical trials for new drugs and medical devices and the provisions for compensation for injury or death on account of participation in clinical trials, medical management of the trial participants and regulation of ethics committees are regulated under the New Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019. Suggesting that the Central government should formulate rules for regulating online pharmacies, the draft Bill prohibits any person from selling, keeping stock, exhibiting or offering for sale or distributing any drug by online mode, except under and in accordance with a licence or permission issued by the authority.

Apart from regulation of clinical trials, the Bill proposes new definitions for over-the-counter drugs, manufacturers, new drugs, bioavailability study, investigational new drug and imported spurious drugs, among others. The draft Bill makes provision for creation of a 'medical devices technical advisory board' on the lines of the existing drugs technical advisory board. This board will not only include medical professionals, but also people with technical knowledge of the devices. Other than officials from the Health Ministry, the board will also include people from the department of atomic energy, department of science and technology, ministry of Electronics, DRDO, and experts in the field of biomedical technology, biomaterials, and polymer technology. Currently, decisions regarding medical devices are taken by the drugs technical advisory board.

COVID-19: State reports 891 new cases

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Karnataka on Tuesday recorded 891 new infections taking the total number of cases to 39,80,585. With this the day's Test Positivity Rate (TPR) stood at 4.51% and the weekly TPR touched 4.23%. Of the new cases, 832 have been reported from Bengaluru Urban alone.

With one death, the State's toll rose to 40,083. Besides, 42 deaths of patients due to non-COVID-19 reasons have also been recorded.

As many as 1,189 persons were discharged on Tuesday taking the total recoveries to 39,34,041. Active cases stood at 6,419 on Tuesday.

As many as 19,738 tests were conducted in the last 24 hours, including 12,107 RT-PCR tests. With this, the total tests was 6,72,69,052.

FROM PAGE ONE

Defer hearing in ACB case, says SC

In his July 11 order, Justice Sandesh had proceeded to give an account of how he was subjected to a veiled threat of transfer, that too through a sitting judge of the High Court, unless he laid off the ACB and its top officer. Justice Sandesh said the incident had happened during the farewell dinner for a retiring Chief Justice of the High Court.

On Tuesday, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the State ACB, said the judge should have refrained from passing the July 11 order. He had been apprised that the top court was seized of the ACB pleas. Urging for a stay on proceedings in the High Court, the law officer urged that the case be transferred to another Bench headed by the Acting Chief Justice of the High Court.

He said Justice Sandesh's observations and directions had ranged from seeking reports on prosecution/closure of cases probed by the ACB since 2016, to summoning confidential service records of the ADGP, all this while considering a regular bail application of an accused in a corruption case.

"The High Court does have the power to monitor the probe in any case, but such a power cannot be invoked while exercising bail jurisdiction," Mr. Mehta argued.

Mr. Singh's counsel submitted that his client was not even given an opportunity to be heard. "My ACR [Annual Confidential Report] from 2009 was read in open court. I was not allowed to speak yesterday," the lawyer said.

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Ban on single-use plastic: More sustainable restaurants are on the cards

Changes in cooking techniques, edible plastic, and better packaging are some of the highlights in eateries as SUP ban comes into play

SIMRAN AHUJA
BENGALURU

Once as ubiquitous a find as any, single-use plastic (SUP) is now being cracked down upon, under the nationwide ban on items such as plastic sticks on balloons, cutlery, straws, wrapping film on sweet boxes, invitation cards etc. from July 1.

The move is bound to impact eateries too, many of which still rely on plastic bowls, cutlery or straws.

Jagdish B., manager at the Millers Road branch of Kanti Sweets, says he has been receiving communication from the higher management for the past month about alternative packaging that will be incorporated soon.

"We have already started using paper bags to pack namkeen takeaways and within a week, we will use up our existing stock of plastic containers and move to boxes that are 100 microns in thickness," he says.

A reusable cup made from coffee chaff, which was introduced by Maverick & Farmer, a Halasuru-based coffee shop.

At Farmlore, a farm-to-plate fine dining experience in Sathnur village, the team relies on areca leaf containers. Now, with news of the ban, the kitchen staff is getting creative with spreading the message.

Cooks in Bengaluru are also trying to change their method of preparing food, such as sealing meat in a banana leaf and cooking. • FILE PHOTO

Conceptualised post the ban, their new dishes are a metaphor for how humans corrupt the ocean with plastic and oil. On the plate is a Kochi snapper fish, and splatters featuring coconut, spirulina blue algae (to resemble the ocean), and a charcoal oil slick. Resting atop the fish is edible plastic.

Another dish, served at the end encases mouth freshener within a thin pouch that looks eerily similar to plastic, but is actually made from potato starch. "It's an homage to kindle the thought that plastic can exist long after we leave the world and are a hazard to our environment," says chef Johnson Ebenezer, who co-founded Farmlore with Kaushik Raju.

The team is going a step further to change their cooking techniques too. Sous vide is a popular technique where food, say meat, is placed in a vacuum sealed plastic pouch and slow-cooked for a long time in a water bath. "We've been trying to seal the meat in a tightly-wrapped banana leaf instead and it works just as well. It may not be an easy fight, but with some effort and innovation, we can try to reduce our reliance on plastic," said Mr. Ebenezer.

Chef Nayantara Menon Bagla too has started convincing her vendors to do away with plastic for the key ingredients. "For vegetables, I am asking my vendor to supply the ware in crates or cloth bags and for bread, talks are on to see if we can switch to air-tight boxes with beeswax paper to segregate the loaves," says the partner at The Circus Canteen at BLR Creative Circus.

Ashish D'Abreo of Maverick & Farmer is hoping to bring about a change on the consumer side too. The Halasuru-based coffee shop recently hosted a workshop with Bare Necessities, where participants were educated about being more conscious coffee consumers, including carrying personal reusable cups to cafes.

Currently, the outlet receives 40-60 daily orders for takeaway or delivery, which means the coffee is served in paper cups with a thin plastic lining. Not ideal, agrees Mr. D'Abreo. "Coffee chaff, a byproduct of the roasting process, is collected and sent to make reusable cups," he says. These cups were introduced two months ago. "Our customers can avail this for a one-time cost of ₹160 and get a ₹10 discount on their coffee when they bring it in," he said.

Aditi Dugar, Chief Advisor, Retail & Lifestyle, at ARAKU Coffee, credits the pandemic for bringing about a shift in collective consciousness. "Now more than ever, people are acutely aware of the products they consume," she said.

But she is also cognisant of the fact that this move could hurt small business owners like hawkers and vendors since moving away from plastic is an expensive proposition. "Subsidies on eco-friendly alternatives could have helped small-business owners to take appropriate measures to brace for impact," she says.

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How does the hybrid model score on employee engagement?

A new study suggests that quarterly surveys and reliance on tech tools are among features that can keep a distributed workforce engaged

In its recent study "Employee Engagement & Hybrid Workplace Report 2022", Leena AI (a company offering technology solutions to enhance employee experience), has sought to learn about the adaptations companies are willing to make to ensure their workforce operating across addresses stays connected and engaged.

Capturing the state of employee engagement across 250 enterprises in India and globally, the study notes that close to 23% employees in India are not actively engaged in the workplace.

Sixty percent of the participating organisations said that employee engagement was part of business planning and not an *ad hoc* initiative; yet only 3% agreed that their employees were actively engaged.

The annual survey is still the norm in most organisations, with only a small number of employers having adapted to new-age tech tools to measure employees' feedback. While 25% of the organisations stated that they had implemented quarterly employee engagement surveys, only 8% executed them monthly.

In a hybrid work model where employees are often interspersed, continuous listening becomes paramount and active listening model and shorter and focused pulse surveys that take no longer than a few minutes should be promoted, says the study.

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Measuring feedback

More than 50% of the respondents said they relied on simple surveys and feedback forms to gauge employee engagement, while 25% claimed to rely solely on manual methods.

A significant 30% of the organisations acknowledged the need for technological tools to discern employees' wants and needs.

Close to 25% of the organisations expressed an interest in wanting to understand the trend of engagement scores over a specific period.

Key strategy

Rewards and recognition remain one of the most popular and high-impact strategies in the hybrid work setting. According to the report, almost 50% of the respondents admitted to relying on this method to engage their respective employees. However, from the total pool of respondents, only 10% saw merit in including employees in primary decision-making processes as an engagement method.

Additionally, only 20% of the organisations have implemented a detailed onboarding process designed to align new employees to the organisation's mission and vision in a hybrid work setting.

Sense of ownership

70% of organisations said that the HR team owns employee engagement initiatives, while only 8% of the organisations concurred with the involvement of mid-level managers.

In most organisations, it was found that employee engagement initiatives are siloed. Wherever C-Suite employees lay the groundwork for creating a more positive work environment, increased employee productivity was noticed.

Attracting talent

About 51% of the IT and software companies use employee engagement to attract talent, followed on close heels at 50% by the media and entertainment industry. About 50% of the media and entertainment industry also use employee engagement to create an employer brand. 42% of the IT and software sector organisations also use employee engagement to improve employee experience in a hybrid work model.

25% of the respondents want employee engagement technology to help them identify employees at the risk of leaving.

30% of the respondents want clear insights about improvement areas and employee sentiments.

'Green jobs on the increase'

Industries leading sustainable innovation trigger job demand in India in June, says Monster Employment Index

The Indian job market showed 3% recruitment growth across industry segments, reflecting optimistic annual trends for the white collar market this June, highlights the Monster Employment Index (MEI).

While the Index flattened by 2% month-on-month amidst global uncertainties and startup layoffs, a number of segments continued to hire with growing numbers on the back of the Green Revolution in India.

Industries such as BFSI, Chemical/Fertilisers, Travel & Tourism, Production/Manufacturing have exhibited positive job trends contributing to the overall annual growth in recruitment activity with sustainable finance, green jobs, and hospitality roles charting tremendous upswing in demand for talent.

Across cities, metros continued to top the charts in line with previous months indicating post-pandemic job recovery.

Representational image

Across experience levels, the demand for top management with over 15 years of experience remained the least impacted in the thick of ongoing downsizing, showcasing maximum growth in hiring at 15% on a year-on-year basis and 3% on a quarterly basis.

Sectoral findings

On a sectoral basis, BFSI charted maximum demand for professionals with 28% rise in job postings as compared to the previous year, with heightening digital consumerism and the need for digital transformation backing this growth.

Additionally, with developments in the Indian Chemical industry, the Chemicals/ Plastic/ Rubber, Paints, Fertilizer/ Pesticides (up 24%) industry also saw a rise in momentum driven by increased demand for green jobs. This segment, which is estimated to attract investments worth ₹8 lakh crore by 2025, has witnessed increasing tech innovation and use of chemicals in industrial operations and manufacturing, widening its demand for a wider range of skills and experience.

Furthermore, Travel & Tourism (up 25%) continues to beat pandemic slumps on account of restriction-free travel across the country.

This apart, other segments showing optimistic patterns include Real Estate (up 17%) which has witnessed a market boom led by tech breakthroughs, Production and Manufacturing (up 16%), Import/ Export (up 14%), BPO/ ITES (up 12%), Telecom/ISP (up 12%), and Retail (up 1%) which has grown marginally.

IT- Hardware, Software (down 2%) has noted a marginal dip in hiring activity due to the trend of startup layoffs which have hurt the segment over the past few months.

On the contrary, industries such as Media & Entertainment (down 26%) and Engineering, Cement, Construction, Iron/ Steel (down 20%) have noted a continuous dip in demand for professionals.

HR BUZZ

Policybazaar launches season two of employee engagement programme

Online insurance marketplace Policybazaar recently concluded Season 2 of its award-winning employee engagement contest, Jeeto Apna Ghar (JAG).

Launched last year, this contest gives Policybazaar's top-performing insurance advisors an opportunity to win their own homes.

According to a press release, JAG has helped Policybazaar bring down the attrition rate of its sales workforce by 50% from last year.

JAG was designed in 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic. In Season 2 of this contest, those advisors who had overachieved their annual targets were recognised.

The top 30% insurance advisors were eligible for this contest.

Out of these, 300 advisors were given a lottery ticket based on their performance in FY 21-22. These shortlisted performers won cash prizes from a pool of ₹3 crores in this programme.

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HC enhances relief to ₹21.8 lakh for girl who met with accident

The court held that the girl has become '100% functionally disabled'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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The High Court of Karnataka has enhanced compensation to ₹21.8 lakh, from ₹4.4 lakh awarded by the tribunal in 2010, to a girl who had become 50% physically disabled due to injuries caused in a road accident in 2006 when she was 7 years old.

The court held that the girl had become '100% functionally disabled' due to nature of disability and required to be paid higher compensation for loss of earning capacity.

Justice P. Krishna Bhat passed the order recently while allowing an appeal filed in 2010 by Belagavi-based Priyanka Pradeep Gavade, who is now 23 years, questioning the tribunal's order. On the contention of insurance company that girl is not in such physically debilitated condition to fix functional disability at 100%, the Court said that "accepting such contention would reduce the approach of viewing a human being to that of a machine."

"The medical expert has stated that she has suffered 50% physical disability for the whole body. But, the picture one gets from the evidence of the medical expert and perusal of the medical records is very bleak about the future prospects of this minor claimant. Human body cannot be treated like an assemblage of its constituent parts," the Court observed.

"...if the medical evidence is clinching on the aspect that a person, who is a minor child cannot straighten one of the lower limbs and one of the upper limbs has lost its power for use, it is as good as the human body becoming useless so far as the person's ability to work and earn livelihood is concerned. In the said larger sense, the minor claimant in this case has become functionally 100% disabled," the Court observed.

Considering the nature of disability, the Court said that "it is harsh and inhuman to hold that she is functional to some extent and in terms of her earning capacity in the labour market she would have some demand."

"Unfortunately, human life is not mathematics. It is something more complex. Stark reality is that for such a person who has lost the proper use of some of the essential limbs in terms of their utility for earning purpose, it is over simplistic to say that he/she can earn some income by resorting to limb-wise arithmetic," the Court observed. The HC directed the insurance company to pay difference in compensation amount with 6% interest from the date of filling of petition.

Police crack murder case

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Kadugodi police have cracked a murder case in which a man's body was found dumped in a drain in a plastic sack, and arrested a couple and their associate.

The deceased was identified as Om Nath Singh, 45, a gutka businessman from Bihar, who had settled in the city.

The police have now arrested Vishal Prajapathi, 24, his wife Rubi Prajapathi, 23, and their associate Gunjan Devi, 35, on the charge of murder.

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O.S. NO. 25346/2022

BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001, Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder Mr. Pramodh G.
AND
Ms. Ayesha Rafee
D/o. Syed Shameer Hussain, Aged about 38 years, No.275, 16th Cross, 2nd Block, RT Nagar, Near Coffee Day, Bangalore- 560032.

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 6,38,445.20/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Forty Five and Paise Twenty only)** together with interest at the rate of **18% p.a.,** in **O.S. No. 25346/2022** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-29.** Before Addl. City Civil Court Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the **12th** Day of **Septembar 2022** at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.

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Aged about 33 years
206-1, 13th B Cross, Hosahalli Main Road, Padaraynapura, Goripalya, Near Mysore Medical, Bangalore-560026.

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 3,95,295.04/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Five and Paise Four Only),** together with interest at the rate of **18% p.a.,** in **O.S. No. 25379/2020** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH- 29.** Before Addl. City Civil Court Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the **22nd** Day of **September, 2022** at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the **29th** Day of **June, 2022.**

**Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall
BENGALURU- 560001**

**FX & CO., ADVOCATES,
New No.9, Old No.11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560005.**

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MULLA Bai, Mother of Service No. 8035261K Rank: Hav, Name: Dilip Kumar, (son working in Pioneer Corp Training Centre, New Key Location Plan, Banaswadi Garison, Bengaluru-560033) hereby state that my name and DOB has been wrongly mentioned as Mullabhai and 26-02-1957 in my son's service records but my correct name is Mulla Bai and DOB is 01-01-1963 vide affidavit dt: 06.07.2022 sworn before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'lore.

LEGAL NOTICE

In the Court of the Principal District Judge, Virudhunagar District, (AT) Srivilliputtur, O.S.No.47/2021

minor K.Siddarth Aarav
(minor plaintiff represented through his mother and natural guardian Thirumagal) — Plaintiff
is
R.Lakshmi Bai,
W/o.S.Ram Anand,
No.35, 3rd Main Road,
Industrial town,
Bangalore City. — 3rd Defendant

NOTICE

The above named plaintiff has filed a suit for partition and numbered as O.S.No.47/2021 against this defendant and two others before the Hon'ble Principal District Court at Srivilliputtur, Virudhunagar District, Tamilnadu state. This said suit stands posted on 28.07.2022 for your appearance. So you are directed to appear either in person or through your pleader on 28.07.2022 at about 10.30 A.M. before the Hon'ble Principal District Court at Srivilliputtur, Virudhunagar District, Tamilnadu State, failing which the above said suit will be decided exparte.

B.Saravanan B.Sc.,B.L., Advocate, 111, P.S.R. Road, Sivakasi. Ph : 98427 95301

IN THE COURT OF ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-29)
O.S. No. 25856/2019

BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001
Represented by its Manager and power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Pramodh G.
AND:
Mr. Suresh L, S/o. Linge Gowda
Aged about 47 years, #53, C11 1Q Road, Haragadde Haragadde Post, Jigani, Bangalore- 560 105

Whereas, the above named plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs.3,04,054.54/ (Rupees Three Lakhs Four Thousand Fifty Four and Paise Fifty Four Only),** apart from future interest of in **O.S. No. 25856/2019** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-29,** Before Addl., City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 28th Day of September 2022 at 11 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 29th day of June 2022

**Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall,
BENGALURU-560001**

**FX & CO., ADVOCATES,
New No.9, Old No.11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005.**

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Gaurav Gupta S/o Kailash Gupta, R/o: Flat 304, Pranavah Magnolia Apartment Margrosa Avenue, Green Glen Layout, Bellandur, Bengaluru-560103, changed my name to Manish Gupta for all purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-29)
O.S. No. 26466/2020

Between :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road,
Bangalore- 560001
Represented by its Manager and power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Pramodh G.
AND
Mr. Debasis Mallick, S/o. Baidhar Mallick, Aged about 42 years No. 001, Hemanth Sankh Apartment, Vignan Nagar, Near Beneka Motors Maruthi Service, Near Maruthi Service Center, Bangalore-560038.

Whereas, the above named plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 13,33,950.53/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Thirty Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty and Paise Fifty Three Only),** together with interest at the rate of **18% p.a.,** in **O.S. No.26466/2020** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-29,** Before Addl. City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 23rd Day of September 2022 at 11 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 29th day of June 2022.

**By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall,
BENGALURU-560001**

**FX & CO., ADVOCATES,
New No. 9, Old No.11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005.**

IN THE COURT OF ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-29)
O.S. NO. 25350/2022

BETWEEN :
M/S. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001, Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder Mr. Pramodh G.
AND
Mr. Aabid Khan
S/o Mr. Ikabal Khan
Aged about 27 years
No. 7/11, 25th Main A Cross, Pipeline Road, JC Nagar, Kurubarahalli, Near Shiva Temple, Bangalore- 560086.

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 4,07,349.79/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Forty Nine and Paise Seventy Nine Only),** apart from future interest of **18% p.a.,** in **O.S. No. 25350/2022** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH- 29.** Before Addl. City Civil Court Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the **26th** Day of **July, 2022** at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the **29th** Day of **June, 2022.**

**Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court Mayohall
BENGALURU- 560001**

**FX & CO., ADVOCATES,
New No.9, Old No.11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560005.**

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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME

I, T. NETHRAVATHI SRINIVAS, D/o. Thimmaiah .H, is legally wedded spouse of Srinivas .A.R, presently residing at House No. C-037, Ground Floor, D.S. Max, Savera, Dr. Vishnuvardhan Road, Uttarahalli, Bengaluru - 560 061, hereby declare that both the names **T. NETHRAVATHI SRINIVAS** and **NETHRAVATHI .T** pertain to one and the same person. Hereinafter I shall be known and called as **NETHRAVATHI .T** and my date of birth is 01.07.1967. Vide affidavit dated 2.7.2022 sworn to before Civil Judge & JMFC, Kanakapura.

I, RAGHUVEER Prasad, father of Service No. 8035261K Rank: Hav, Name: Dilip Kumar, (son working in Pioneer Corp Training Centre, New Key Location Plan, Banaswadi Garison, Bengaluru-560033) hereby state that my name and DOB has been wrongly mentioned as Raghubir Prasad and 26-02-1962 in my son's service records but my correct name is Raghuveer Prasad and DOB is 01-01-1957, vide affidavit dt: 06.07.2022 sworn before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'lore.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 72nd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-73)
O.S. NO. 25328/2022

BETWEEN :
M/S. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001, Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder Mr. Pramodh G.
AND
1. Mr. Shiva Kumar
S/o. Sondaiah, Aged about 37 years, BJR Nagar, KRS Agrahara Mallipaya Kunigal Rural, Tumkur-572130
2. Ms. Sannarangamma S
W/o. Sondaiah, Aged about 50 years, No. 214, Jodi Krishna Rajasagar, Kunigal, Bangalore-572130

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs.15,25,171.96/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand One Hundred and Seventy One and Paise Ninety Six Only),** apart from future interest of **13.05% p.a.,** in **O.S. No. 25328/2022** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-73,** Before Addl. City Civil Court Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the **05th** Day of **August 2022** at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the **29th** Day of **June, 2022.**

**By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court Mayohall
BENGALURU- 560001**

**FX & CO., ADVOCATES,
New NO.9, OLD NO.11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560005.**

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 72nd ADDL, CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH- 73)
O.S. NO. 25138/2022

BETWEEN:
M/S. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001 Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Pramodh G. ...Plaintiff
V/S
Mr. Manujunatha JH ...Defendant

Summons To Defendent

Mr. Manujunatha JH S/o. Narayan Subbe Gowda, Aged about 30 years No. 53, 1st Main, 1st Cross, AMCO Layout, Kodigehalli, Bangalore North, Shakar Nagar Post, Bangalore- 569992.

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 5,25,222.32/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Two and Paise Thirty Two Only),** apart from future interest in **O.S. No. 25138/2022** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-73,** Before the 72nd Addl. City Civil Court Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 11th Day of August, 2022 at 11 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Exparte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 2nd day of July 2012

**By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall,
BENGALURU-560001**

**FX & CO., ADVOCATES,
New No.9, Old No.11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005.**

IN THE COURT OF 72nd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-73)
O.S. No. 25393/2022

Between :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road,
Bangalore- 560001
Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Pramodh G.
AND
Mr. Vinod A
S/o. Arjun Rao, Aged about 40 years, No. 391, 1st Floor, Prasanna Anjaniya Trust, Kempe Gowda Circle, Kunigal Byepass, Nelamangala, Bangalore-562122.

Whereas, the above named plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs.2,60,554.82/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Sixty Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Four and Paise Eighty Two Only),** apart from future interest of **13% p.a.,** in **O.S. No. 25393/2022** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH73,** Before Addl. City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 5th Day of August 2022 at 11 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 28th day of June 2022.

**By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall,
BENGALURU-560001**

**FX & CO., ADVOCATES,
New No. 9, OLD NO.11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005.**

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ಇ ಮೇಲ್: dudc_blr@yahoo.co.in, dudc.blrrural@gmail.com

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ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ)

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Name of work:- Upgradation of STP for CMC Doddaballapura and supply and laying of water supply HDPE pipeline, house connections and drilling of borewells, supply and installation of pump sets in CMC Doddaballapura limits Under Amuruth Nagarothana (Municipality) Phase-04 -Project.

Schedule of Bidding Process

Events: 1). Last date and time for receiving queries: **02.08.2022 Time: 05:30 PM. 2).** Venue, Date and time of Pre-Bid Meeting: **20.07.2022, Time: 11.00 AM at Bangalore Rural DC Office 3)** Last date and time prescribed for submission of Bid (s) (Bid due date): **08.08.2022 Time: 05:30 PM. 4).** Date and time of opening of the Technical Bid (s): **10.08.2022 Time: 11:30 AM. 5).** Date and time of opening the Financial Bid(s) of Technically Qualified Bidder(s): **25.08.2022 Time: 11: 30 AM 6).** Validity of Bids 90 days

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**Zilla Panchayat, Chikkaballapura
Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj
Engineering Division, Chikkaballapura**

**e-Procurement Short-TermTender Notification
No.: 8/2022-23 Date: 04.07.2022
(Applications Invited for Tenders subject to Standard Tender document KW – I & II Rules.)**

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka Itemwar Tender is invited through e-procurement in Single Cover System as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000 for below mentioned works in the limits of Chikkaballapura division from authorized Contractors enrolled in appropriate class in PWD. Application for e-procurement documents should be submitted in Department website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

(1) Last date for submitting application through e-procurement and submitting filled schedule-B in website: **04.08.2022 up to 16.30 hours. (2)** Date of opening Technical Bid: **05.08.2022 after 16.35 hours. (3)** Application Fee (Non-returnable): As per e-procurement Rules.

**Sd/- Executive Engineer,
P. R.E. Division, Chikkaballapura**

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Ministry of Communications, Department of Posts, Civil Wing

PRESS NOTICE INVITING PERCENTAGE RATE e-TENDER

Executive Engineer(C), Postal Civil Division, Bengaluru, invites on behalf of the President of India, online percentage rate e-tenders for the following work:

N.I.T. No. : **20/PCD/BGL/2022-23**
Name of Work : **Repair and Maintenance to C3 Block (Type-II) 18 Nos Quarters and alround external development of C3 block at KB Sandra Staff Quarters, Bengaluru**
Estimated Cost : **₹69,30,612/-**
Earnest Money: **₹1,38,612/-**, Period of completion : **05 Months**
Last time and date of submission of bid : **22.07.2022 15.00hrs.**
The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website **https://dopcivil.euniwizarde.com**

**Executive Engineer(C)
Postal Civil Division
Bengaluru- 560032.**

**दिल्ली प्रौद्योगिकी विश्वविद्यालय
DELHI TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY**
(Formerly Delhi College of Engineering)
(Estd. by Govt. of NCT of Delhi vide Act 6 of 2009)
Shahbad Daulatpur, Bawana Road, Delhi 110 042

M.Tech Admissions SPOT ROUND for the Session 2022-23, on 22nd JULY, 2022

It is hereby informed that the Spot Round of M.Tech. Admission(s) for the session 2022-23 in the Delhi Technological University will now be held on 22.07.2022 instead of 01.08.2022 as mentioned in the M.Tech. Admission Brochure 2022-23.

Interested candidates may attend the M.Tech Spot round counselling on 22.07.2022 in respective Academic Department. The following candidates may be considered for Spot Round (offline mode) admissions:

1. The candidates who have already applied for M.Tech admissions in DTU but not allotted any seat.
2. The candidates who have not applied for admissions but having valid GATE Score. For details please see the DTU website **http://www.dtu.ac.in**

**Sd/-
Registrar**

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CIN : U40101OR1995SGC003963

No. OHPC: TECH: C&P: 09/2022-23/ 4446 Date: 06.07.2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed Tenders are invited in two part i.e. (i) Techno Commercial bid & (ii) Price bid in separate sealed envelopes from the registered Manpower Supply Agencies/ Service Provider having valid Licenses, PAN and GST Registration Certificate & fulfilling the eligibility criteria as per the tender specification for the work as mentioned below.

TCN No.	Description of Services	Cost of Tender Paper (Non-refundable) in Rs.
12/ 2022-23	Providing the services of "Data Entry Operator, Light Motor Vehicle Driver & Receptionist for OHPC Corporate Office, Bhubaneswar.	₹11,800.00 (₹10,000.00 + GST @18%)

For details of the tender documents, terms & conditions please visit our website www.ohpcltd.com from dtd.15.07.2022.

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**GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DEPARMENT
Office of The Executive Engineer,
R.D.W & S, Division, Haveri**
Sl.No.RDW&SD/Haveri/PB-1/Tender:11/2022-23/750
Date : 12-07-2022.

**SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(1st & 2nd Call)**

(1) Request of Blank Tender Documents and Receipt of completed Technical & Financial Bid through e-procurement from : **21-07-2022** at 17:30 hours (2) Date of Financial Bid Opening (Sl.No 1) Technical Bid Opening (Sl.No 2 to 5) (If possible) : **22-07-2022** @ 17:31 hours (3) Date of Financial Bid Opening (Sl.No 2 to 5) (If possible) : **26-07-2022** @ 10:00 hours

Inviting tenders of Water Supply works of Byadagi, Hangal Haveri & Savanur Taluks under NRDWP JJM scheme. Indent No : **(1) 42651 (2) 42280 (3) 42266 (4) 38816/CALL-2 (5) 39157/CALL-2.**

The blank tender documents can be downloaded through website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from the date of hosting the tender.

**Sd/- Executive Engineer,
R.D.W&S Division, Haveri**

DIPR/HVR/MC&A/152/2022-23

VISVESVARAYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka enterprise)
Executive Engineer,VJNL, UBP, Division No.04, Hosadurga
Ph/Fax No: 08199 – 230018 e.mail I.D: eeubpdvn4@gmail.com
No: EE/UBP/VJNL/DIV-04/SB/TD.NO.02/2022-23 Dt: 11/07/2022

**SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(TWO COVER SYSTEM)
(Only through E-PROCUREMENT SYSTEM)**

Percentage tender through e-portal for the **Erection or Removing and shifting of 11kv line's** work in Two cover system is invited by the Executive Engineer, VJNL, UBP, Division No. 4 Hosadurga on behalf of the Managing Director, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigam Ltd, from the eligible contractors who fulfils the pre-qualification conditions for the works **"Removing and shifting of 11kv line's coming across the Canal and instalation of 11 kv underground cable near aqueduct's crossing of Tumkur Branch Canal from km 84.00 to 108.00 km works under Upper Bhadra Project. (Indent No.2143)".** The Contractors can download and submit the completed bid documents through e-procurement website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from **12/07/2022.** Details such as Amount put to tender/ EMD amount/ qualification of Bidders/ Tender conditions/Tender processing fee etc can be obtained through e-procurement or from the office of the under signed during the office hours up to **20/07/2022 (4.00 PM).** The date for submission of completed tenders is **20/07/2022** at **5.00 PM.** The tender will be opened on **21/07/2022 @ 5.30 PM** at the office of the Executive Engineer, VJNL, UBP Division No.04, Hosadurga through e-procurement. The date of opening of Financial Bid will be intimated to the qualified bidders. The authority competent to accept the tenders shall have the right of rejecting all or any of the tenders without assigning any reasons and will not bound to accept the lowest tender.

Note: EPF Registration Certificate is mandatory; the tenders of the bidder who fails to upload EPF Registration Certificate will be disqualified.

DIPR/CTA/MCA/335/2022-23 Sd/- Executive Engineer

**UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES
STORES PURCHASE OFFICE, KRISHI NAGAR,
DHARWAD-580 005 (Karnataka). e-mail: spo@uasd.in
Phone: +91-836-2444438 Extn: 384, 231**

No. 1) SPO/EO/RC/Glassware Chemical etc.,/2022-23
2) SPO/EO/RC/Chemical Fertilizer etc.,/2022-23
Date : 09.07.2022

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

"Expression of Interest" is invited from the eligible authorized manufacturers / distributers / dealers / Stockiests for **Supply of :**

1) Glasswares, Chemicals, Labwares, Culture media, DNA sequencing pack, Molecular biology kits, Molecular biology enzymes, Sequencing service (Outsourcing), Primer synthesis etc. for the year 2022-23.

2) Chemical Fertilizers/ Insecticides/ Acaricides/ Fungicides/ Bactericides/ Weedicides/ Other Agro Chemicals/Animal Feed ingredients/ Poultry Feed/Milk Packing Pouches etc., for the year 2022-23 & 2023-24.

Under Annual Rate Contract to various Research Stations, Krishi Vigyan Kendras and Colleges under the jurisdiction of UAS, Dharwad. Interested agencies shall participate in tender through online **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Last date for submission of the above tenders with all the documents is **10.08.2022 upto 4.00 P.M**

Sd/-
Estate Officer, UAS, Dharwad

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INDIRA GANDHI INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH
AUTONOMOUS INSTITUTE Established by Govt. of Karnataka
(A Postgraduate Institute of Higher Medical Sciences)
Recognised Under Societies Registration Act. Reg. No. 132/85-86
South Hospital Complex, Dharmaram College Post, Bangalore-560029.
e-mail: ihealthchild@yahoo.in Website: igich.karnataka.gov.in

Tender Notification No.: IGICH/ADMN/TEN/2/2022-ADMN-IGICH Date: 12.07.2022

INVITATION FOR TENDERS
(Through GOK e-procurement Platform https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in)

Tenders are invited through GOK e-procurement Platform www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in by the Director, Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health, Bangalore-560 029 from eligible tenderers for the following mentioned hereunder:

Sl. No.	Equipments	Quantity	E.M.D. in Rupees (Rs. in Lakhs)	Tender processing charges
1	Request for Proposal (RFP) for establishment of MRI & CT Scan Facilities at Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health, Bangalore on Public Private Partnership (PPP) Model	MRI - 01 CT - 01	5,00,000/-	As per e-procurement website

Tender documents may be downloaded from: **12.07.2022.** Last date for sale of tender document: **09.09.2022 upto 12:00 PM.** Last date and time for receipt of tenders: **09.09.2022 upto 3:00 PM.** Pre-bid meeting (Queries & Clarification): **02.08.2022 at 12:00 PM.** Place of Pre-bid meeting: Office of Director, IGICH, Bangalore. Last date and time of opening of cover one of tenders: **12.09.2022 at 3:30 PM.** For further detail visit GoK e-Procurement Website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact e-Procurement helpdesk on **080-25501216, 080-25501227.**

**Sd/- Director,
Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health, Bengaluru**

DIPR/DDU/BCPL/1327/2022-23

COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF TREASURIES

5th & 6th Floor, KPCL Green Building, Palace Road, Bengaluru-560001. Ph: 080-22028210, Fax: 080-22028209

No. COT/PROC/52/2021-22 Date: 11.07.2022

RFP for Selection of Agency to supply A4 size 80 GSM Papers to District Treasuries

Department of Treasuries invites tender for **"Selection of Agency to supply A4 size 80 GSM Papers to District Treasuries"**. Tender details are available at the e-Procurement platform & tenders shall be submitted electronically at **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

DIPR/DD-C.P/1313/MCA/2022-23

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed that my client intend to buy the below mentioned Schedule properties from it's respective owners. If any person/s or Institution, Authority etc., have got any objections or claiming any right, title and interest of what so ever nature on the Schedule Property, are hereby required to communicate the same along with supporting documents to me at my Office within **(10) TEN days** from this day. Otherwise, the Sale transaction shall be completed without any reference or regard to any such purported claim or interest, which shall be deemed to have been waived to all intents and purposes.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Sl.No.	Sy.No.	EXTENT		OWNER	East	West	North	South
1	148/3	2 Acre	18 Guntas	T.Prabhakar S/o. Sri. Thimmaiaha Reddy	Sy.No. 148/1	Sy.No. 148/4	Sy.No.144 Gomala	Sy.No.153/1 & Sy.No.152
2	148/4	1 Acre	01 Guntas	A. Venugopal S/o. Late Ankappa Reddy	Sy.No. 148/3	Sy.No.144 Gomala & Sy.No.230	Sy.No.144 Gomala	Sy.No.153/1

All the lands are situated at **Chakarasanahalli Village, Narasapura Hobli, Kolar Taluk and District, Karnataka.**

Mr. B.T. PRASANNA KUMAR, B.Sc.,L.L.B., **Advocate**
No.56, I Main, 6th Cross, Sudhamanagar, Bangalore-27, Ph. 92431 18157

RAICHUR POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(YERMARUS THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U40101KA2009PLC049582

No.: KPCL/2021-22/OW/WORK_INDENT 12027/CALL-2 Date: 30.06.2022

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-procurement portal only)

RPCL invites bids through GoK e-procurement platform **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from eligible Class-I contractors for the work of **Construction of Rain Water Harvesting Pond and providing lining to the existing Nalla at YTPS.** Approx. Value of Work: **Rs. 121.30 Lakhs.** EMD: Rs. **2.0 Lakhs.** Last Date for Bid submission: **15.07.2022.** Any further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer(RTM), RPCL, YTPS, Chikkasugur - 584 134, Raichur District.** Mobile: **94808 30566.**

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(BELLARY THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited in two cover system through e-procurement portal for the following works as detailed below:

1) **KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT 12576, Dated: 30.06.2022** Rotation/ Replacement of 350NB pipes including supply of pipes & coupling sets for ash slurry disposal line of Unit # 2 Ash plant at BTPS. **EMD: Rs. 88.11 Lakhs.**

2) **KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT 12592, Dated: 02.07.2022** Providing and installation of insulation with mineral wool mattresses and aluminum cladding sheets for dry fly ash disposal pipe lines of Unit # 2 AHS from buffer hoppers tower to SILOS (1X500 MW) - BTPS. **EMD: Rs. 36.77 Lakhs.**

3) **KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT 12563, Dated: 29.06.2022** Providing & Installation of Two Nos. of refrigerent type air dryer with Two Nos. MS vertical receive tank with connected valve and compressor ducting system at Unit # 2 CHP compressor house at BTPS. **EMD: Rs. 26.84 Lakhs.**

Pre-bid meeting: **29.07.2022 at 11.00 Hrs.** Last date and time for submission of both Technical and Financial bids: **01.08.2022 upto 16.00 Hrs.** Opening of Technical Bid: **02.08.2022 at 16.30 Hrs.** Tender documents may be downloaded from GoK e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (AHP)-1**, BTPS, KPCL, Kudathini-583152, Bellary (Dist). Mobile: +91 94482 90768.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Basavanagudi Division, Channammanakere Achchukattu, BBMP Building, Vidyapeeta, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru - 560 085.

No: EE/B.G/PR/07/2022-23 Date: 12.07.2022

WITHDRAW OF SHORT TERM TENDER

Sub: Regarding withdraw of short term tender notification

Ref: 1. This Office Notification No: EE(BG)/TEND/e-Proc/ /07/2022-23, Dated: 06.07.2022

With reference to the above subject the tender was invited under reference no: EE(BG)/Tend/e-Proc/07/2022-23, dated: 06.07.2022 for total 7 package works by Basavanagudi division. Further it is decided that in the meeting of I.P.P on 11.07.2022 headed by Honb'le chief commissioner, to cancel the said tender and recall the same hence, the said tender is withdrawn.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Basavanagudi Division

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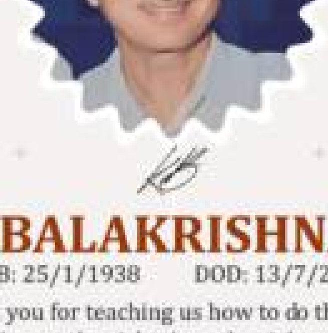

K. BALAKRISHNAN
DOB: 25/1/1938 DOD: 13/7/2021

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No: SEE/Tr(W&M)/MNG/EE(O)/AEE-3/2022-23/1891-97 Dt: 11.07.2022

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement Portal Only)

KPTCL invites tenders for the following works.

(1) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/MNG/2022-23/12 Dt: 11.07.2022 **for Combined Package of following works for Strengthening of Transmission lines passing over Schools/Colleges in TL&SS Division, Kavoor.**

(2) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/MNG/2022-23/13 Dt: 11.07.2022 **for Combined Package of following works for Strengthening of Transmission lines passing over Schools/Colleges in TL&SS Division, Kemar, Karkala.**

The detailed notification regarding subject enquiry in the e-Procurement process can be obtained from the office of undersigned/by logging on to website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink "tenders" on or after **14.07.2022.**

Sd/- Superntending Engineer (Ele)., Tr. (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Maroli, Kulshekara, Mangaluru-575005. Ph: 0824-2211342

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Pulikeshinagar Division, BBMP Office Building, Robertson Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru

No.: EE/PN/TEND/10/2022-23 Date: 12.07.2022

CORRIGENDUM

Ref: 1. Tender Notification No.: EE(PN)/E-TEND/10/ 2022-23 dt: 06.07.2022

Adverting of the intending contractors is drawn towards tender notification under reference (1) is hereby Preponed due to technical reasons for further date as below.

(1) Tender documents can be downloaded from **13.07.2022** by **4:00 p.m. (2)** Last date for receipt of Queries **18.07.2022** upto **5:00 p.m. (3)** Pre bid meeting will be held on **19.07.2022** by **11:30 a.m. (4)** Last date for uploading the filled Tender document is **22.07.2022** upto **4:00 p.m. (5)** Date for opening of Tenders is on **25.07.2022** after **4:30 p.m.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Pulikeshinagar Division, BBMP

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ODISHA TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED

(A GOVT. OF ODISHA UNDERTAKING)
PANTHANIVAS (OLD BLOCK): LEWIS ROAD: BHUBANESWAR-14

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Letter No. - 3652 Date: 11.07.2022

BID IDENTIFICATION NO: BP-I/04/2022-23 dt.11.07.2022

Request for proposal (RFP) are invited for the following works on Turnkey basis on QCBS mode:

1. **Selection of an agency for Partial Construction, Restoration and Furnishing of Panthanivas Rourkela such as main Building, lobby, Restaurant, Bar, Conference hall and Mini Banquet(Design and Execution) of Rooms at Panthanivas Rourkela.**
2. **Selection of an agency for Partial Construction and Restoration of peripherial development of Panthanivas complex at Rourkela such as Gates, Parking, Illumination and Painting of Rooms (Design and Execution) at Panthanivas Rourkela.**
3. **Selection of an agency for Partial Construction and Furnishing of Guest Rooms at Panthanivas, Rourkela such as Guest rooms in Main Block (I,II & III), Main Building & TRC (Design and Execution) at Panthanivas Rourkela.**

Bid documents such as DTCN/BoQ can be seen / downloaded from the Govt. Website i.e.**www.tenderodisha.gov.in** during the period **dt.12.07.2022 to 17.00 Hours of dt.27.07.2022** & the technical bids will be opened on the same day in the office of the Superintending Engineer, OTDC Ltd, Bhubaneswar at **17.30 Hours.**

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer, O.T.D.C. Ltd.

CAD-1090 OIPR-37002/11/0009/2223

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, RWS&S DIVISION, BHANJANAGAR - 761126.

Phone No.06821-241026 (O)/241079(R) Fax No-06821-241026/240056
e-mail: eerwss_bnj@nic.in<eerwssbnj2009@gmail.com

Government of Odisha - "e" Procurement Notice

Bid Identification No. S.E. RWS&S 19 /2022-23

1.	The Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Division, Bhanjanagar, Ganjam on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate/G, bid in Double Cover system according to the norm of "e" Procurement system in online mode for different PWS Schemes in Ganjam District from the eligible contractors as per DTCN.	
2.	Nature of Work	: **Construction, testing, Commissioning of RCC ESR/OGR construction of Pump House, Compound Wall, Valve chamber, providing 100% FHTC, laying of distribution of pipe line etc for PWS to different village in the Ganjam District.**
3.	No. of Tender	: **01 Nos**
4.	Tender Paper cost	: **Rs.10000/-**
5.	Tender Cost	: **390.99 Lakhs**
6.	Class of Contractor	: 'A' & **Special** Class
7.	Date and Time of Availability of bid document in the portal	: **Dt.15.07.2022 at 11.00 AM to 29.07.2022 up to 05.00 PM**
8.	Date of Opening of Bid	: **Dt.30.07.2022 at 11.00 AM**
9.	Period of completion	: **360** (Three hundred sixty) days
10.	The bidders have to participate in online bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website **https://tendersorissa.gov.in**	

Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Division, Bhanjanagar.

O-624 OIPR-25021/11/0007/2223

IN THE COURT OF THE CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C AT BAGEPALLI

O.S. 340/ 2021

BETWEEN
Smt. NIDUMAMIDAMMA ... Plaintiff
AND
Smt. VENKATALAKSHMAMMA ...Defendant

Defendant:
Smt. VENKATALAKSHMAMMA,
W/o. Late. Venkatesha, Aged about ---- years, R/at, Varthuru Village and Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Dist.

DRAFT OF PAPER PUBLICATION
Summons / Notices to the Defendant under Order - V. Rule - 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure;

Whereas, the Plaintiff had filed the above suit against the defendant for Declaration of title and Permanent Injunction against the defendant, in the suit schedule properties bearing Sy.No. 39/2 totally measuring to an extent of 2 Acres 33 Guntas, situated at Solamakalapalli village, Mittemari Hobli, Bagepalli Taluk, Chickballapur District, which is referred in the above said case.

You the Defendant is hereby directed to appear in the above said Court in person or through Pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions raising in the suit or to accompanied by some person able to answer all such questions on the day of **01-08-2022 at 11.00** clock in forenoon.

Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the date before mentioned in the suit, it will be heard and determine as ex-parte.

Given under my hand & seal of the Court on the day of 05th Jane 2022.

By order of the Court
Sd/-
Sheristedar / CMO
Civil Judge and J.M.F.C, Bagepalli.

Address of the Advocate:
Sri. A.MANJUNATHA , ADVOCATE,
Near Manasa Hospital, Zubeda Water Plant Road, Bagepalli Town and Taluk, Chikkaballapur Dist.

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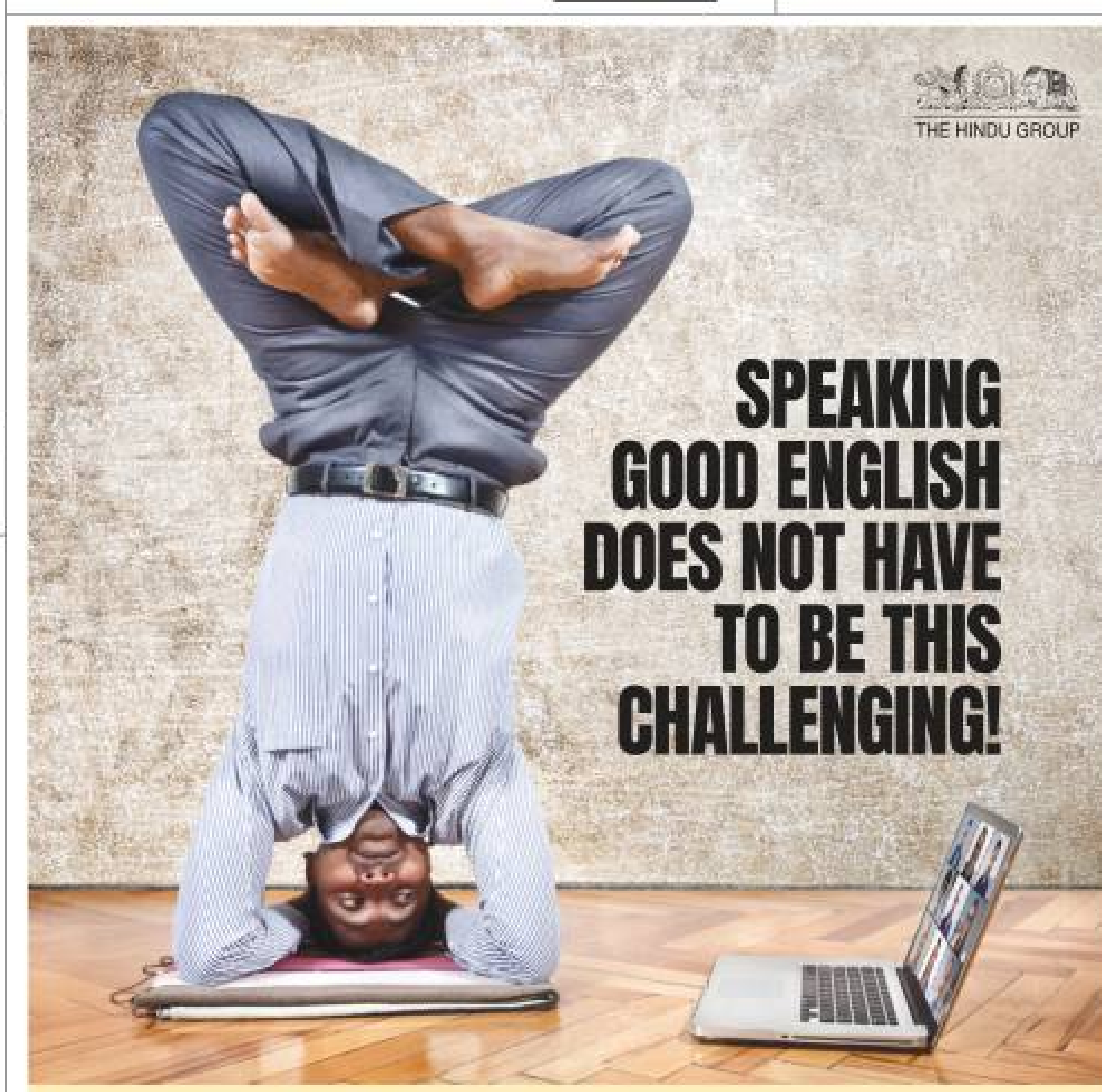

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No: BMC/OS/VHC/01/2022-23 Dated : 12.07.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited for **Hiring of 7 Vehicles (Cars) to Bhoomi Monitoring Cell, Revenue Department.** The last date for uploading filled tender forms in e-procurement portal is **27.07.2022 by 11.00 am.** Details regarding terms and conditions are available at **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** portal.

Sd/-
Assistant Commissioner,
Bhoomi Monitoring Cell,
Revenue Department,

DIPR/CP/1329/Zenkar/2022-23

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಪಂಚಾಯತ್‌ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

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ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ)

ಈ ವಿಭಾಗ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ದಾವಣಗೆರೆಯ 2021-22ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ 5054 ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ರಸ್ತೆಗಳ ವಿಶೇಷ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನೆ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಯಾಗಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರು ದರಗಳನ್ನು ನಮೂದಿಸಲು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಏಕ ಮತ್ತು ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇಲಾಖಾ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಯ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರು ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂಗಳನ್ನು ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ:18/7/2022 ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:08192-250156 ಅಥವಾ www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯ ಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

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ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಪಂ.ರಾ.ಇಂ.ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Zone, Dasarahalli Division, 2nd & 4th Cross, 2nd Main, 3rd Block, HMT Layout, Near BWSSB Water Tank, Nagasandra(P.), Bengaluru-560073

No.: BBMP/EE/DD/Ten/04/2022-23 Date: 11.07.2022

CANCELLATION OF TENDER

Sub.: Regarding Tender cancellation Notification.

Ref.: 1. This Office's e-procurement portal tender notification No. BBMP/EE/DD/Ten/04/2022-23, Dt.: 07.07.2022.

As mentioned in the above subject and reference, tender had been invited, due to technical reasons tender notification No. BBMP/EE/DD/Ten/04/2022-23, Dt.: 07.07.2022 has been canceled.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division, BBMP

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(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
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Phone: 080-22278813/14/15/16, Fax : 080-22213172
Website: https://ksmc.karnataka.gov.in

No. KSMCL/civil/SIOM/RW&GD/1106/2022-23/823-CALL-2 Date: 11.07.2022

SHORT TERM e-TENDER INVITATION- CALL-2

KSMCL invites Short Term e-tender from eligible registered contractors for construction of Retaining Wall and Garland Drain at Dump PTD-1 (Now Existing Dump) at Subbarayanahalli Iron Ore Mine (M. L. No.: 2629), Sandur Taluk, Ballari District, Karnataka.

Calendar of Events: (1) Last date for submission of tender through e-portal : 20.07.0222, up to 5.00 p.m. (2) Date of opening of Technical bid : 22.07.2022, at 11.00 a.m. (3) Earnest Money Deposit/Bid Security : Rs.1,56,000/- (Rupees one lakh fifty six thousand only). Tender Document may be downloaded from e-procurement GoK platform website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in Department: MML. Contact for any support, e-procurement call help desk: 080-46010000 / 68948777.

Sd/-
General Manager (P)

DIPR/CP/1320/AKAR/22-23

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its owner **Sri.Venkateshalu.V** S/o late P.Veeraswamy, residing in the Schedule property.

If any person/s have any manner of right, title, interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule property by the aforesaid owner, they are hereby called upon to file their objections in writing, along with the supporting legal documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal No.4, PID No.50-2-4, measuring East to West on the Northern side 50 ft; on the Southern side 53 ft and North to South 35ft 6 inches, in all measuring 1828.25 Sq.ft., together with a house thereon, situated at Rama Iyengar Road, V.V.Puram, Bangalore and bounded on:

East by : Property of Smt.Anasuya
West by : Ram Iyengar Road
North by : Passage leading to house of Smt.Anasuya and Sri.Krishnamurthy
South by : Property of Sri.Ranganatha Mudaliar

Sd/- Goutam Chand S.F
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Projects Central-01 Division, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560 002

No.EE/P.C-1/TEND/03/2022-23 Date: 12.07.2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Projects-Central-01 Division, invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the works detailed in the table below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Amount put to tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD
1	Comprehensive Development of Gubbi Thotadappa Road from Shanthala Circle to Khodays Circle under Tender SURE Guidelines (Balance Works).	769.00	Rs. 11,53,500/- (Rs. 1,00,000 /- through e-procurement & Rs. 10,53,500/- through BG)

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement website. **2)** Pre-bid Meeting: **16.07.2022 at 04.30 p.m. 3)** Last date for submission of bids: **22.07.2022 upto 05.30 p.m. 4)** Date of opening of technical bids: **25.07.2022 at 04.30 p.m.** Further details can be obtained from office of the undersigned or GoK e-procurement website:**https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or e-Procurement Helpdesk : 080-22441076.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project Central-01 Division.

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Nominations to boards, corporations cancelled

New heads are expected to be appointed soon; this gains significance in the light of Cabinet expansion not taking place

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU/MYSURU

The State government on Monday evening issued an "emergency" order to Additional Chief Secretaries and Secretaries of 22 departments asking them to cancel nominated heads of government-owned boards, corporations and authorities in the State.

This will make way for induction of new leaders to occupy these places, ahead of the 2023 Assembly elections in Karnataka. With Cabinet expansion unlikely to happen and elections too close at hand, this move of the BJP government is seen as an attempt to placate disgrutled leaders who have been waiting in the wings hoping for Cabinet berths. Sources said nominated heads of 52 boards and corporations would be dropped and new leaders nominated in their place.

It was decided at the BJP core committee meeting six months ago to replace heads of various boards and corporations, who are serving in their posts for over one-and-a-half years, to give an opportunity to others. A list will be prepared soon.

BASAVARAJ BOMMAI
Chief Minister

The Chief Secretary's office of the State government issued the order to heads of 22 departments and asked them to, in turn, issue orders on Monday itself to cancel nominated heads to various boards, corporations and authorities. Each department has been directed to submit a copy of the order to the Chief Secretary's office.

Speaking at Mysuru earlier in the day, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said BJP leaders heading boards and corporations for more than one-and-a-half years will soon have to make way for others.

Core committee's call

Mr. Bommai said the BJP's core committee had decided about six months ago that party leaders heading boards and corporations for more than one-and-a-half years should be replaced.

Hence, necessary steps will be taken to replace partymen heading boards and corporations with other leaders. "We will have to give an opportunity to others also... A list will be prepared," he had said.

Many of these heads of boards and corporations were appointed when Mr. Bommai's predecessor B.S. Yediyurappa held office.

Do not ignore death threats to writers: Ex-CM

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has urged the State government not to take lightly the death threat letters that several progressive writers have been receiving.

Referring to letters received by Kum. Veerabhadrappa, Banjagere Jayaprakash, and others, he said, "Those who are fighting to save democratic and constitutional values will have to speak up against the ruling dispensation. Elements who cannot tolerate it are threatening the writers. I too have received threats. Many people have shown heinous tendencies in response to my social media posts also," he said.

Mr. Siddaramaiah said though these cases were brought to the attention of the police, FIRs were not filed. *The Hindu* on Monday reported that 19 death threat letters were received by writers since April this year.

Storage in three major hydel reservoirs marginally lesser than previous year

It is expected to surpass last year's level if rains continue for some more days

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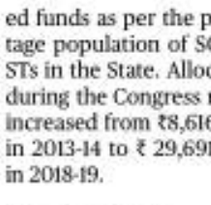
BENGALURU/HASSAN

Though rains have wrecked havoc in Malnad region in the last few days, the storage in the three major hydel reservoirs of the State located in this region is marginally lesser when compared with the position in the corresponding period during previous year.

The energy equivalent of total storage in the three major hydel reservoirs of Linganamakki, Mani and Supa on Tuesday morning was lesser by 241 million units (MUs) when compared with the corresponding period in 2021.

The Hadinaru Kala Mantapa partially submerged in river Kapila at Nanjangud following discharge of water from the Kabini dam. • M.A. SRIRAM



Reservoir	Maximum storage level in terms of energy equivalent	Present storage	Previous year's level	Percentage of storage
Linganamakki	4,557 MUs	1,771 MUs	1,867 MUs	38.87
Supa	3,159 MUs	948 MUs	1,235 MUs	29.99
Mani	973 MUs	286 MUs	145 MUs	29.44

Aggressive spell

Officials of Karnataka Power Corporation Limited, who operate the hydel stations associated with these reservoirs, attribute this to the fact that there was a delay in the commencement of aggressive spell of rains this year compared with the previous year. However, they feel that the gap is bound to be bridged within a few days if the rains continue to lash the catchment areas with same vigour for some more time.

Interestingly, the inflows are much higher now when compared with those during the previous year. All the three hydel reservoirs are getting inflows that can help generate nearly 140 MUs a day as against over 35 MUs during the previous year.

The three reservoirs had a cumulate storage of 34.59% by 8 a.m. on Tuesday as against 37.37% on the corresponding day during the previous year, according to the official data.

In absolute terms, the total energy equivalent of cumulative storage in the three reservoirs is 3,005 MUs now as against the previous year's level of 3,247 MUs. This would mean that the State can use 8.23 MUs of hydel energy per day if the storage has to last till the next monsoon as against the availability of 8.9 units a day during the previous year.

Reservoir-wise storage shows that Linganamakki has a storage of 38.87% as against 40.97% during the previous year while Supa has 29.99% as against 39.09% during the previous year. However, Mani reservoir has a storage of 29.44% as against the previous year's level of 14.89%. The power generation authorities feel that the situation with respect to storage is healthy. They are hoping that there would be repeated spells of good rains so that the storage position would further improve, giving energy security to the State.

Crucial during summer

Hydel energy is mainly being used in Karnataka to manage the peak load. It plays a major role in handling peak demand during summer months when the demand for power shoots up. A healthy storage in these three hydel reservoirs would ensure that the summer months would pass off without any power problems.

Bommai promises permanent solution for areas hit by tremors, sea erosion

He, along with Revenue Minister, visits Kodagu and Dakshina Kannada districts

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MANGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Tuesday said the government would provide permanent solution for tremor-affected areas in Dakshina Kannada-Kodagu district border as well as sea erosion-affected areas in coastal Karnataka.

Seismic study

Speaking to reporters after a day-long visit to natural calamity-affected areas in Kodagu and Dakshina Kannada districts along with Revenue Minister R. Ashok, Mr. Bommai said he has asked four institutions, including Bengauru and Mysuru universities, to study tremor-affected areas and submit a report at the earliest on seismic activity. Based on their report, suitable measures would be taken, he said.

On sea erosion, Mr. Bommai said the entire coastal Karnataka was affected with frequent and aggravating sea erosion. Building protection walls using large boulders on ad hoc basis was not a solution and there was a need for a permanent remedy.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai visiting a rain-affected area in Madikeri on Tuesday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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BASAVARAJ BOMMAI
Chief Minister

More erosion

He was told that the Asian Development Bank-funded Someshwara Shoreline Protection Project in Ullal taluk near Mangaluru was not satisfactory, Mr. Bommai said, adding that erosion has only intensified, from 200 m last year to 600 m this year at Batpady on the Karnataka-Kerala border.

A few technology experts have made presentations on preventing sea erosion to him. The government would ask one of them to build sea wave break technology walls (Groyens) for a distance of 1 km along the Batpady beach and study its impact, Mr. Bommai said. If that succeeds, similar works would be undertaken at erosion-prone areas, he said.

Funds available

Stating that there was no dearth of funds to provide compensation to people who have lost houses either fully or partially, Mr. Bommai said about ₹730 crore was available with DCs of districts for immediate needs.

He saw many houses damaged either fully or partially at the Cauvery and Harangi basins in Kodagu, tremor-affected areas around Sullia, flood affected areas in Bantwal and erosion-affected areas of Ullal.

Silting

Earlier at Kodagu, Chief Minister said he has released ₹40 crore for removing silt in Harangi reservoir in Kodagu and in the Cauvery as silt accumulation was blamed for flooding.

BJP govt. has cut funds for SCs, STs: Congress

'It has increased the size of the budget, but funds have gone down'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

KPCC working president R. Dhurvanarayan on Monday alleged that the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have become "orphans" under the BJP government in the State and the BJP legislators have neglected their welfare in the State by not releasing funds promised in the State Budget.

The BJP government has increased the size of the Budget, but funds for the welfare of the SCs and STs have not increased. A sum of ₹27,588 crore had been allocated in 2019-20, ₹25,378 crore in 2020-21, and ₹26,695 crore in 2021-22 Budgets, he said.

The Congress regime introduced the Special Component Plan (SCP) and the Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) (SCP-TSP Act) in 2014 and allocated funds as per the percentage population of SCs and STs in the State. Allocations during the Congress regime increased from ₹8,616 crore in 2013-14 to ₹ 29,691 crore in 2018-19.

Fund diversion

Mr. Dhruvanarayan also alleged over ₹7,000 crore SC/ST funds had been diverted to other works and urged the government to punish those officials indulged in diversion and misappropriation of funds.

The Congress leader alleged that 40% of funds meant for welfare schemes of SCs and STs had been siphoned off. Scholarships of students have been cut from ₹1,400 to ₹750 per month, he said. Similarly, funds have been downsized for various boards and corporations of the SCs and STs, he said.

Bags of Mekalamaradi reach the fashion streets of Europe

Jesuit NGO trains women in handicrafts, which has helped them build a life of confidence; they have also launched a website

RISHIKESH BAHADUR DESAI
BELAGAVI

Just as the bus screeches to a halt at Mekalamaradi Cross near Gokak at day break, a group of women is seen briskly walking to a building without a board. It is an old godown with some work sheds.

As many as 40 women sit on the floor, cleaning jute, grass and cotton pieces, boiling them to separate the fibre, weaving and knitting pieces, and stitching them together. These are a few illiterate women from a remote village in the State who have built an internationally respected brand of women's accessories.

Brand Mitan

Bags and accessories made from natural material, by some women of Mekalamaradi, are ending up on the shoulders of women in Europe. Bags made of jute, bamboo and grass fibre, being sold under the brand Mitan, have a following in France, Italy and England. This is apart from the steady market they enjoy in India.

This, however, did not happen overnight. Over two decades ago, a group of women from Mekalamaradi village got together to listen to a young Jesuit priest who had been organising skill training sessions for farmers.

He was Jose Chenakala of Jana Jagarana, one of the organisations run by the NGO Shramik Abhivruddhi Sangha, a unit of the Goan Jesuits.

He had taken up residence in the village and had been training farmers in watershed development and improved farming practices. Rev. Fr. Jose wanted to find a source of stable employment for the poor women of the village. He got in touch with his friend N.B. Gopikrishna, NGO mentor and handicrafts promoter.

Women preparing fibre from natural materials at Mekalamaradi in Belagavi district. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Mr. Gopikrishna who had worked with tribal communities in the north-eastern States, suggested that women make value-added products using locally available material.

Thus began Mitan, in a skill training centre that was built with the support of Indian and external funding agencies.

"The first three years were hard. After that, the women imbibed the skills of processing fibre and making a variety of bags and accessories. They began making bags, hats, laundry baskets, belts and wallets. We were surprised at the new designs that the village women came up with, that the elite users in Europe found useful," says Mr. Gopikrishna. He says that the success of this group led to several groups taking up production of accessories and cloth using natural fibres.

A few years ago, a friend of Mr. Gopikrishna helped the women launch their website www.mitan.in, which contains a catalogue of their products and takes orders.

After hand-holding the group for a few years, the Jesuits ensured that the women's group managed its own affairs. Dastagir Jamadar, a local youth with an entrepreneurial spirit, began managing the group's day to day affairs. "They export bags and accessories worth around ₹1 lakh per month," he said.

"As many as 42 women are gainfully employed through this enterprise. They are members of various self-help groups and they regularly save money," Mr. Jamadar informed.

The skills have passed on from generations to generations. "I used to work here. Now my daughter-in-law comes to work," said Akkamma Basavantappa, a member of a group. She pointed out that the new generation of women use smart phones to spread the word about their products and expand their markets. Mitan has helped scores of women send their children to school and dream of a better life.

Bengaluru Design Festival to be held from Nov. 11

This will be a programme of over 500 events and activities: Minister

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Tuesday unveiled the logo of the first-ever Bengaluru Design Festival scheduled to be held from November 11 and launched the festival campaign.

Speaking on the occasion, C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Minister of Skill Development, Higher Education and IT & BT, said, "The festival will open up a lot of opportunities for all the stakeholders and put Bengaluru at the forefront as a design destination, be it learning, applying, activities or developing creative solutions".

This would be a programme of over 500 events and activities, including design summits, installations, workshops, design talks, exhibits, design challenges, etc. The first edition is expected to witness a gathering of over 50,000 design professionals, architects, thought leaders, policy makers & government officials, creative minds, and students, the Minister said.

DISTRICT RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, CHITTOOR
Jyothi Rao Pule Bhavan, Collectorate, CHITTOOR, Andhra Pradesh- 517002

TENDER NOTICE

Roc.No. DRDA/D/1508/2015, Dt.12.07.2022

Tenders are called for from the suppliers to supply the following items:- **1.**Pottery pug mill – Energy (with 2HP 1 phase-1440RPM Motor) **2.**Clay Mixing Roller with 2HP 1 phase1440 RPM Motor **3.** Electric Potter Wheel (KEPW01) KEPW04 (Speed Regulating) Tenderers should purchase the Tender Documents by paying Rs.1,000/- through Demand Draft in favour of Project Director, DRDA., Chittoor. Documents should be obtain from O/o the Project Director, DRDA., Chittoor, 1st floor, Jyothi Rao Pule Bhavan, Collectorate Complex, Greamspet, Chittoor – 517002 Andhra Pradesh **from 14.07.2022 to 18.07.2022 and last date for submission of tenders : 18.07.2022 upto 12.30 P.M** . and opening on the same day at 4.00 P.M. For Details contact : **93905 04580.**

Sd/- D.M.K TULASI, Project Director, DRDA, Chittoor

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2. Website Address : Bids must be submitted only through online at website **www.tntenders.gov.in**
3. Details of Tender

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Description	Bid Security	e-Bid Submission closing Date	e-Bid Opening Date
1.	MAT/ OT/017/ 2022	Hiring of sewage lorries on rate contract basis for 2 years for conveying and disposal of 6000 litres of sewage in all areas for the year 2022- 2024	Rs.10,000/- per vehicle	16.08.2022 up to 3.00 P.M.	17.08.2022 up to 3.30 P.M.

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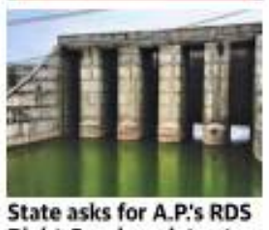


State asks for A.P.'s RDS Right Canal work to stop

HYDERABAD

The Telangana government has again complained to the Krishna River Management Board against Andhra Pradesh for the latter going ahead with the Rajolibanda Diversion Scheme Right Canal water drawal system in violation of the AP Reorganisation Act and sought immediate action. Engineer-in-Chief (General-Irrigation) of Telangana C. Muralidhar also submitted the photographic evidence of the work in progress on the structure to draw RDS water illegally.

Sri Lankan Navy arrests 6 Tamil Nadu fishermen

PUDUKOTTAI

Six fishermen who set sail from the Jegadapattinam harbour in Pudukottai district were arrested by the Sri Lankan Navy on charges of poaching in Sri Lankan waters. Those arrested are - the vessel's owner K. Karthik, 24, P. Devaraj, 35, M. Suresh, 47, K. Thirumeni, 31, I. Velmurugan, 29, and I. Sundaram, 47. They were later taken to Mayilatti harbour for inquiry, said sources from the Coastal Security Group.

Four people die after being electrocuted

HYDERABAD

Four members of a family, including two children, were electrocuted in Devanpally police limits of Telangana's Kamareddy district on Tuesday. The victims were identified as 40-year-old man, his wife, and their two children aged six and three The police suspect that the wife first came in contact with the electrical source. Her husband who attempted to save her, and the panicked children who ran to their parents, too collapsed. All of them died before reaching a medical facility, police said.

Godavari flood affects 1.5 lakh

12 habitations hit in Chintoor Agency, many villages cut-off in Andhra Pradesh

STAFF REPORTER
RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM

More than 1.53 lakh people have been affected by the Godavari flood, leading to evacuation of 1,015 families across Konaseema district in Andhra Pradesh on Tuesday.

The floodwater inflow has exceeded 14.3 lakh cusecs at the Sir Arthur Cotton barrage by evening, affecting life in the 51 habitations, including 30 islands, on the Godavari.

The irrigation authorities issued the 'second flood' warning and have been monitoring the embankment of the river round the clock.

"There is no human loss in the flood on Tuesday. More than 400 boats have been deployed for the evacuation and relief operations across the Konaseema district besides 925 swimmers," said Collector Himanshu Shukla. As many as 52 pregnant women in the high-risk group have been shifted from the islands.

To safety: Disaster response personnel evacuating people from flood-affected places in Chintoor. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The farmers have been directed to suspend the kharif operations in the wake of unfavourable weather conditions and inundation of low-lying areas along the canals and branches of the river.

2,500 evacuated

At least 2,647 people have been evacuated among the 7,993 affected people during the relief operations being carried out in the 12 affected habitations in the Chintoor Agency in Alluri Sitaramaraju district.

"Many habitations have been cut-off from the mainland in the Agency. However, a majority of the people from the villages witnessing the floodwater have been rehabilitated recently," said Project Officer (ITDA-Chintoor) K. Rama Sheshu.

A team of 100 personnel from the SDRF and NDRF was deployed in the relief operations.

Telangana rain damages standing crops

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

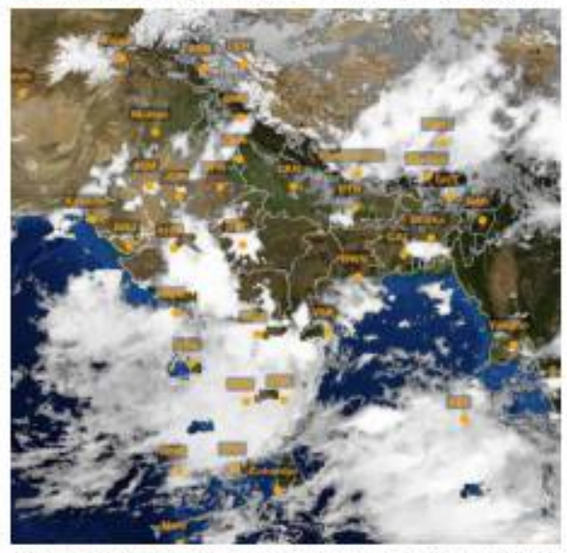
Life continues to remain affected in many parts of Telangana for the fifth day in a row with heavy to very heavy rain lashing different parts of the State on Tuesday.

Incessant rain also damaged standing crops, most of which are in the initial plant growth stage, and also impacted the sowing operations.

In Jagitial district, nine farmhands were stranded on an island in a rivulet course at Bornapally in Raikal mandal. Efforts were on to rescue them with the help of boats by an NDRF team. However, there is no threat to life of those stranded on the island.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: AQICN, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 16.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Meghalaya, Telangana, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Kerala and Mahe. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Yanam, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	–	35.4	26.8	Kozhikode	13	27.3	24.0
Ahmedabad	3	31.8	25.6	Kurnool	6	27.8	23.3
Aizawl	8	29.1	22.1	Lucknow	–	38.3	30.2
Allahabad	–	39.0	30.4	Madurai	–	35.1	25.7
Bengaluru	5	27.5	19.8	Mangaluru	24.8	28.8	23.2
Bhopal	93.8	30.4	22.8	Mumbai	61	28.1	23.9
Bhubaneswar	4.6	32.2	25.8	Mysuru	18	27.0	20.0
Chandigarh	28.6	34.2	26.7	New Delhi	1.8	33.3	26.2
Chennai	4	36.0	24.5	Patna	9.8	36.1	26.4
Coimbatore	0.6	30.5	23.0	Port Blair	18	29.9	24.7
Dehradun	4	31.7	24.8	Puducherry	1.2	36.2	24.8
Gangtok	3.2	25.4	18.7	Pune	53	23.3	20.2
Goa	61	29.0	22.7	Raipur	17	32.6	25.4
Guwahati	0.8	36.4	26.5	Ranchi	14	27.6	22.5
Hubballi	–	24.0	21.0	Shillong	15	26.1	17.8
Hyderabad	13	23.9	20.8	Shimla	37	23.3	17.0
Imphal	–	30.4	22.7	Srinagar	–	27.8	18.7
Jaipur	0.2	36.0	27.6	Thiruvananthapuram	–	30.2	24.6
Kochi	2	28.6	25.0	Tiruchi	–	36.5	27.0
Kohima	–	27.6	17.2	Vijayawada	23	26.7	23.6
Kolkata	–	32.9	26.6	Visakhapatnam	9	28.9	24.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — Yesterday

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	13	7	3	70	52	
Bengaluru	4	8	4	120	77	
Chennai	7	15	11	110	55	
Delhi	3	40	22	142	96	
Hyderabad	2	9	3	78	–	–
Kolkata	5	4	3	63	42	
Lucknow	4	22	10	117	71	
Mumbai	6	3	4	63	53	
Pune	–	–	–	–	–	–
Visakhapatnam	8	17	6	84	59	

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Kerala CM takes a swipe at Jaishankar for visiting flyover

Pinarayi says BJP planned stop with an eye on LS election

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and Union Minister S. Jaishankar appear to engage in a bout of shadow-boxing over the motive for the latter's visit to Kerala.

Mr. Vijayan appears to take a jibe at Mr. Jaishankar's visit to a flyover in the capital city. "When a Minister in charge of world affairs visits a flyover at Kazhakuttam, the whys and wherefores of the stop are evident," he said on Tuesday. Mr. Vijayan suggested that the BJP had orchestrated the stop with an eye on the Lok Sabha election.

The BJP had tasked Mr. Jaishankar with steering the party to victory in Kerala in the Lok Sabha elections, Mr. Vijayan said. Mr. Jaishankar was in Kerala on a three-day visit, interacting with influencers and opinion leaders.

Mr. Jaishankar countered: "If getting an understanding on what is happening on the ground is a politically motivated act, then his [Mr. Vijayan's] and my political motivations are starkly different." Mr. Jaishankar added: "People should not be so insecure. This is a democracy. Everybody has the right to do politics. Maybe, one can perceive politics when a citizen's house is electrified or if a Central scheme has brought piped water to a colony. We call it development. If others want to call it politics, it is their privilege."

When pointed out that his "disclosure" about the legal severity of the UAE diplomatic baggage gold smuggling case had caused an Opposition walkout in the Assembly, Mr. Jaishankar said: "Investigating agencies and the judiciary are seized of the matter. We all know the facts. When it is time to act, we will act. Now, let the processes continue... If persons have not followed the law, it becomes a law-and-order matter."

Mr. Jaishankar hinted that the case was on the Centre's front burner. But his position constrained him from making any further comments.

Three found guilty in Valapattanam IS case

They were arrested by Turkish police

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI

A Special Court of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) convicted three persons in the Valapattanam IS case on Tuesday.

NIA Special Judge Anil K. Bhaskar, who found the accused Midhilaj, K.V. Abdul Rasaq and K.U. Hamsa guilty of the offences, will pronounce the punishment on July 15.

The court found the accused guilty of the charges slapped on them under Section 38 of the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (offence relating to membership of a terrorist organisation) and Section 39 which deals with the offence of supporting a terrorist organisation.

The charges of Section 120-B of the Indian Penal Code (conspiracy) for committing the offence of waging war against any Asiatic power in alliance with Government of India were found against the accused. However, the court acquitted them on the charge of raising fund for a terrorist organisation, as mentioned in Section 40 of the Act.

Midhilaj and Abdul Rasaq were arrested by the Turkish police as they attempted to move over to Syria to join the terrorist organisation IS. Hamsa was involved in spreading the ideology, according to prosecution.

The prosecution argued for awarding maximum punishment as it felt that any leniency shown to them would send a wrong message to society.

Raj Bhavan refuses to disclose status of NEET exemption Bill

It is 'under continuous process of appropriate authority'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Two months after Chief Minister M.K. Stalin informed the Assembly that Governor R.N. Ravi had forwarded Tamil Nadu's NEET exemption Bill to the Union Home Ministry for being sent to the President for assent, the Raj Bhavan has refused to share information on its status.

Responding to an application filed under the Right to Information (RTI) Act to know the status of the Bill, C. Ramaprabha, Under Secretary to the Governor, in a July 7 reply, said the matter is "under continuous process of the appropriate authority" and hence "information could not be provided at this stage".

> **The reply raises a serious question whether the Bill is still in Raj Bhavan.**
>
> P.B. PRINCE GAJENDRA BABU, The RTI applicant

15 questions

The applicant, P.B. Prince Gajendra Babu, general secretary, State Platform for Common School System-Tamil Nadu, had on March 29 raised 15 questions to the Governor on The Tamil Nadu Admission to Undergraduate Medical Degree Courses Bill, which was readopted by the Assembly after it was returned by the Governor. Among the questions were what action was taken on the Bill by the Governor and what was its current status.

Sent to Home Ministry

Incidentally, on May 4, Mr. Stalin had said the Governor's Secretary had spoken to him on the phone and informed him that the Bill, seeking to exempt Tamil Nadu from NEET for admission to medical courses, was "forwarded" to the Home Ministry.

Mr. Babu on Tuesday wrote to the Chief Minister, stating "The [RTI Act] reply raises a serious question whether the Bill is still in Raj Bhavan." He appealed to Mr. Stalin to ascertain the status of the Bill and take action for securing the assent of the President.

Appeal filed

He has also preferred an appeal before the designated Appellate Authority at Raj Bhavan. Noting that the Raj Bhavan had responded to his application after 98 days, as against the stipulated time limit of 30 days, Mr. Babu has said his first two questions begged a "direct reply". The reply did not mention if the Bill was under the consideration of the Raj Bhavan or the President's office. Hence, he sought a direct response to his queries.

Congress in Kerala opposes Tamil Nadu taking Aliyar water

Violation of water-sharing contract between States: party

STAFF REPORTER
PALAKKAD

The Congress in Kerala here is on a warpath against the Tamil Nadu government's move to bring water from the Aliyar dam to Oddanchatram in Dindigul district of Tamil Nadu. The Congress claims that it will be a violation of the water-sharing contract signed between Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

The Tamil Nadu government has announced an ambitious ₹930-crore project to bring drinking water to Oddanchatram from the Aliyar dam. "We doubt the logic behind the project that aims at bringing water to Oddanchatram 120 km from the Aliyar dam, especially when there are two dams within that range," said Congress district vice president Sumesh Achuthan.

He said it would remain a mystery why Tamil Nadu government was avoiding the Thirumurthy dam and the Amaravati dam which are much closer to Oddanchatram.

Worried about drought

He said taking water from the Aliyar dam to Oddanchatram would cause shortage of water in the Bharathapuzha.

"We fear that the Tamil Nadu government's Oddanchatram project would deprive the Bharathapuzha of its vital resource during the summer. We are worried about severe droughts in areas that depend on the Bharathapuzha during summer," said Mr. Achuthan.

He said that considering the bitter experiences Kerala had with its neighbour in sharing of the water in the past, Tamil Nadu government might use the water for other purposes after taking it first for drinking water project.

The Congress will stage a day-long *dharna* at Chittur, Palakkad on Thursday in protest against the project.

Farmers in several parts of Tamil Nadu too are agitating against the Oddanchatram drinking water project. They are opposing the project as they fear that it would deprive their source of water for irrigation.

MLA's letter goes viral

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Political leaders providing immunity to their followers is not a new thing. But a BJP MLA has gone a step ahead and issued an official letter requesting that his follower's vehicle is not seized.

However, after the letter went viral on social media, the BJP MLA from Shirahatti Ramappa Lamani clarified that in a hurry, he might have issued the letter without noticing the content in it.

The letter, which is not addressed to anyone, has the name of G. Basavaraj, whom the MLA refers to as his close acquaintance and a party worker, It states that Basavaraj is a resident of Belagatti in Shirahatti and owns a Bolero with an A.P. registration number. In the letter, the MLA has requested the authorities without naming anyone, not to seize the vehicle and not to trouble his acquaintance repeatedly. As the letter, which has the sign and seal of the Shirahatti MLA, went viral, drawing much criticism, Mr. Ramappa issued a clarification on Tuesday that he might have signed the letter in a hurry.

Ruling front thwarts UDF's bid to pin down CM in gold case

Speaker rejects debate with no 'primary concern' for State

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Kerala Speaker M.B. Rajesh on Tuesday overruled a submission moved by Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan to get Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan to state on record the government's stance on the United Democratic Front's demand for a probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in the UAE diplomatic baggage gold smuggling case.

Mr. Rajesh's refusal to entertain the UDF submission prompted an Opposition walkout. The UDF accused Mr. Vijayan of stonewalling questions about the "damning" episode that allegedly "involved top insiders" in his previous administration.

Mr. Satheesan moved the submission in view of Union Minister for External Affairs S. Jaishankar's purported statement that the Centre was fully seized of the alleged sidestepping of foreign affairs protocol at the UAE consulate in Thiruvananthapuram. He said Mr. Jaishankar had pointedly said that Central agencies were investigating the matter and "the truth shall triumph".

Legislative yardstick

Mr. Rajesh overruled the Opposition's demand on the ground that the subject concerned the Centre. If he allowed the submission, it would be tantamount to setting a questionable legislative yardstick.

Mr. Rajesh claimed there was no precedent for debating a Central subject with no primary concern for the State in the Assembly. The Assembly stood by the precedent.

The Speaker also concurred with Law Minister P. Rajeeve's point of order wherein he doubted whether the Opposition had followed procedures.

Mr. Satheeshan dissented and took issue with the Speaker's stance. He said Mr. Vijayan had cast doubt on the case's merit by pointing out that the "handlers and movers" of contraband gold via the diplomatic channel remained veiled. Notably, the smuggling case prime suspect had raised severe and hitherto undisclosed allegations against the previous LDF administration.

Film buffs high on praise for *Kummatty*

Martin Scorsese posts about the Malayalam classic on his Instagram page

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Malayalam cinema buffs had a surprise in store on Monday night from none other than legendary American film-maker Martin Scorsese. His Instagram page showcased a photograph of a familiar oracle and a bunch of children around him, a scene from a Malayalam movie made more than four decades ago.

Cult classic: A scene from *Kummatty*. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Mr. Scorsese had glowing words to share on G. Aravindan's *Kummatty*, recently restored jointly by the Film Foundation's World Cinema Project, a programme created by Mr. Scorsese in 2007, the Film Heritage Foundation and Italy-based Cineteca di Bologna. s

"*Kummatty* is an adaptation of a Central Kerala folk tale featuring a partly mythic and partly real magician called Kummatty. A sweet and engaging story and a visually stunning film, *Kummatty* is a must-see, especially since it has been largely unavailable outside of India until now," wrote Mr. Scorsese, the maker of Hollywood classics such as *Raging Bull*, *Goodfellas*, *Gangs of New York*, *The Wolf of Wall Street* and *The Irishman*.

The post, which has received 1.4 lakh likes and counting, is now flooded with comments from Malayali film buffs thanking him for preserving a classic film from Kerala. The original print of *Kummatty*, which had lost its rich palette of colours over the years, was restored to its original glory through the international restoration project.

"Aravindan's films have been on the top of the list not only because he is a master, but he is also one who I feel has not got the recognition he deserves and whose films, sadly, are not in circulation. It broke my heart when I learned that all the original camera negatives of his films are lost and all we have are prints, not in the best condition," film-maker Shivendra Singh Dungarpur, director, Film Heritage Foundation, had said last year.

Kummatty, winner of the Kerala State Film Award for the Best Children's Film in 1979, tells the story of a Pied Piper-like character who materialises in a village one day, mingling with the children and weaving a spell of carefree abandon. He casts a spell and turns the children into animals. One boy, Chindan, is transformed into a dog, but misses the moment when the others are turned back to human form, and has to wait a year for Kummatty to reverse the spell.

HRDS head remanded

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Aji Krishnan, founder-secretary of the non-governmental organisation High range Rural Development Society (HRDS), was arrested in connection with a tribal land grab case at Attappady in Kerala's Palakkad on Monday night.

A court at Mannarkkad remanded him in police custody until Wednesday. The court denied him bail considering the prosecution's argument that there were similar complaints against Aji Krishnan and several co-accused were to be nabbed.

Rightful challenge

Twitter case should lead to changes in IT rules that will protect free speech

By moving the Karnataka High Court challenging several blocking orders from the Union government on content posted on its website, Twitter, Inc. has finally decided to take the bull by the horns on the issue of freedom of expression on the online platform. A cynical view will regard this as action done under duress – between February 2, 2021 and February 28, 2022, Twitter was issued directions to block 1,474 accounts and 175 tweets in India, with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology suggesting in June that it was giving the company a final opportunity to comply with the directions. But a substantive look at the challenge in the court by the company – 39 URLs in specific in its petition – suggests that Twitter is right to take up the gauntlet. Much of the content in these URLs deemed to be fit for takedowns is either journalistic or of a political nature, or even dissent. For example, some of the tweets were by farmers and others during their agitations against the farm laws. Twitter is also accurate in suggesting that the Government has not complied with rules under the Information Technology (IT) Act which call for a hearing of the author of the content besides the intermediary before any takedown action. The provision of these rules was one of the key reasons why the Supreme Court had upheld the constitutionality of Section 69A of the IT Act (in *Shreya Singhal vs Union of India*, 2015), which empowers the Government to restrict access to online content in the interest of the sovereignty and integrity of the country, security of the state, friendly relations with foreign states or for public order. It is quite clear that the Union government has used the public order and national security argument in a blanket manner to get Internet platforms such as Twitter to take down content or to seek removal of profiles even if they merely constituted political dissent or were not remotely connected to the reasons proffered by it.

The Internet and telecommunications system has become an even greater behemoth than what it was when the IT Act was framed in 2000. To expand the scope of regulations to the new forms of intermediaries that have cropped up since then, the Government most recently came up with the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, which, besides bringing about obligations for accountability from social media companies and platforms, went on to add onerous requirements such as traceability of online conversations and new oversight functions that are weighted in the Government's favour. Twitter's case in the Karnataka High Court should lead to greater scrutiny of the Rules and to a clear legislative debate on how to remake them in a way that they do not impinge on the right to freedom of expression and privacy in the online space.

Change and continuity

Djokovic won his seventh title, while Rybakina was the fifth straight first-time winner

Novak Djokovic is unlike the archetypal Wimbledon champion. He is neither a big-server nor a net-rusher and does not slice and dice his way through points. Instead, he is peerless in how he absorbs an opponent's most devastating play, seizes crucial moments and flips the narrative within a blink of an eye. No one in living memory has anticipated, moved and defended a grass court quite like the 35-year-old Serb. On Sunday, he brought to the fore all these facets to clinch his seventh Wimbledon crown – fourth on the trot – and a 21st Grand Slam title. Admittedly, the grass at SW19 is slower and the bounce truer than earlier times, helping consummate all-courters like Djokovic. But the run of Nick Kyrgios to the final – albeit after a walk-over against an in-form but injured Nadal in the semi-final – was enough evidence that the surface still offers purchase to those willing, and able, to play traditional grass-court tennis. Kyrgios did this for a set, bouncing off the audience's energy like a showman would in a theatre. Wimbledon, in fact, has come to be his safe space, where he is still loved and not judged despite his boorish behaviour from time to time. Yet Djokovic, the ultimate diffuser, displayed patience and tactical endurance, the lack of which proved Kyrgios' undoing yet again.

For Djokovic, the Australian Open may have brought the most success (record nine titles), but it is Wimbledon that has proved more momentous. Pete Sampras's maiden triumph in 1993 sparked his interest in tennis and he has now equalled the legendary American's tally at Wimbledon. Victory in 2018 resurrected his career after a prolonged slump and the latest win is sure to galvanise him again, after the fiasco in Australia over his unvaccinated status and the stinging quarter-final loss to Nadal at Roland-Garros. He has now surpassed Roger Federer in the all-time Major race and is just one behind Nadal. That he has fallen to seventh in the ATP rankings because of the absence of ranking points at this year's competition will be a mere footnote. While Djokovic has been a near constant at Wimbledon, Elena Rybakina was the fifth straight first-time women's singles winner. The 23-year-old was up against the sentimental favourite in Tunisia's Ons Jabeur, bidding to become the first Arab and African woman to win a Slam trophy. There was also the awkwardness surrounding her nationality, in light of the All England club's ban on Russians and Belarusians. Rybakina was born and raised in Russia, but switched to Kazakhstan four years ago in return for funding. But she displayed remarkable mental fortitude, and with a power-packed game felled two Major winners and the World No.2 to secure tennis's most coveted prize.

A new judicial device for 'complete justice'

India's top court cannot be seen to be helpless when faced with issues of individual liberty

KALEESWARAM RAJ

Mohammed Zubair, the co-founder of Alt News, continues to be in prison despite the Supreme Court of India, last Friday, granting him interim bail, because of remand in another case by the Delhi police. The Court was aware of the futility of the bail order. Yet, the Court did not direct his release by granting him bail in the other case too.

The order relates to a case challenging the Allahabad High Court's judgment refusing to quash the First Information Report (FIR) against Mr. Zubair. The charge was under Section 295A of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) – outraging religious feelings ... by insulting religion or religious beliefs. Later, a charge under Section 153-A IPC, of promoting religious enmity, was added.

It was explained to the Court that there was not even a *prima facie* case against Mr. Zubair. Also, it was shown that the case itself was a device to crush dissent. The political malice behind the charge was very obvious. The Court also seemingly accepted the contentions, as evident from the grant of bail. Yet, the Court said the order was with respect to only the case registered in Uttar Pradesh. This has meant the continued detention of Mr. Zubair.

Challenges before judiciary

The Supreme Court of India is regarded as the world's most powerful top court, on account of its wide power of judicial review. It has the jurisdiction to issue writs under Article 32 of the Constitution. It also has the original jurisdiction under Article 131 of the Constitution. There is also wide appellate power under Articles 132, 133, 134 and 136 of the Constitution. More significantly, the Supreme Court has the power to "make such order as is necessary for doing complete justice in any cause or matter pending before it", as per Article 142 of the Constitution. Yet, the top court has shown itself to be helpless when issues of individual liberty have been placed before it on very many occasions. Many political prisoners languish in prison after their bail pleas have been repeatedly rejected by different courts. The executive is able to register multiple FIRs in different States of India so as to ensure that the dissident is not released from prison even if bail is granted in some of the cases. Thus, the jail jurisprudence of the executive effectively surpasses the Court's bail jurisdiction. Reports say that after the Supreme Court's order, another warrant was issued against Mr. Zubair by a local court in Lakhimpur Kheri in Uttar Pradesh. This scenario, which reflects the new normal in the country's criminal jurisprudence, poses crucial challenges to the judiciary.

The Supreme Court cannot afford to be conventional if it really wants to tackle this situation where an aggrandising executive hunts its opponents in a systematic and incremental way. Conventional legal wisdom proclaims that every criminal case is a case which requires to be dealt with as such and taken to its logical conclusion. Even in Mr. Zubair's case, the contention of the Solicitor General of India was that "any order passed by (the Supreme) Court (in this case) will interdict four judicial orders passed by two courts which have not been challenged". It is the Court's inability to overcome this line of argument by invoking the spirit of Article 142 that led to the ironic predicament of Mr. Zubair being in jail, despite the grant of the 'interim bail'.

The practice of registering multiple FIRs is extremely problematic. In the context of free speech, American legal scholar Professor Vincent Blasi identifies "historical periods when intolerance of unorthodox ideas is most prevalent and when governments are most able and most likely to stifle dissent systematically". The situation in India is illustrative.

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More 'rule by law'

The criminal justice system in such tough times degenerates into rule by law, that replaces rule of law. The law becomes an effective device in the hands of the Government for the purposes of a witch-hunt and this operates against the opponents of a regime, as a class. In this scenario, if the Court erroneously presumes that the nation's legal system is governed by the principle of rule of law, fallacies and unjust consequences are bound to occur. In such a legal ambience, it will be equally fallacious to treat each case as isolated, as in reality, it is not so. Climatic changes in a nation's constitutionalism are a hard reality which no court can ignore.

Even in challenging times, a constitutional court should be able to evolve a mechanism of its own to preserve the democratic foundation of the country by intervening in the incremental process of nation's "deconstitutionalisation". Professor of law Rosalind Dixon in a recent study says that "at least under certain conditions – of sufficient independence, political support and remedial power – courts can too play an important role in buttressing democratic processes and commitments", and this, according to her, "is the essence of responsive judicial review". The constitutional courts in Colombia and Brazil have developed the new doctrine of "unconstitutional state of affairs". This enables the court to address structural deficits with a sense of realism and to pass effective orders even by deviating from procedural rigour, with a view to protect fundamental rights. This is, in certain ways, akin to the practice of Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in India and structural injunctions in the United States.

Create a judicial atmosphere

The courts, no doubt, may sometimes subserve the interest of the executive. This may even pose a serious threat to personal liberty, as it happened recently in its observations against activist Teesta Setalvad and former police officer R.B. Sreekumar. But in certain rare situations, it could still act as a determined umpire who checks the executive's excesses. The Supreme Court's intervention in the Centre's COVID-19 vaccine policy and the Pegasus episode illustrates this point. The need is to expand the latter approach and to create and perpetuate a democratic judicial atmosphere that supports the cause of freedom.

At least in principle, the Indian Supreme Court is constitutionally equipped with the power to invoke its jurisdiction for the larger cause of liberty, even by deviating from the conventional technical route. The "complete justice" under Article 142 is meant to be used when the legalistic arguments such as those raised by the state in Mr. Zubair's case have the effect of sabotaging the goal of constitutional justice. The Court needs a new version of judicial activism, which the Court itself evolved, in the 1980s.

The genesis of Article 142 shows that the makers of the Constitution have consciously incorporated this provision by drastically modifying the earlier corresponding provision in the Government of India Act, 1935. The Government of India Act, by way of Section 210(2), only said about the enforceability of the orders of the Federal Court. It did not, naturally, contain an idea of complete justice in the constitutional sense. Article 142, on the other hand, arms the Supreme Court with this supplemental power.

The interpretation of the scope of this provision has been varied, and sometimes even conflicting. Some judgments pleaded for its restrictive use while some others did for its liberal and contextual application. In *Delhi Development Authority vs Skipper Construction Company* (1996), the top court said that the power under Article 142 should remain "undefined and uncatalogued, so that it remains elastic enough to be moulded to suit the given situation".

Treat them as a class

It is essential for the Supreme Court of India to treat political prisoners and dissenters facing multiple FIRs and undergoing unjustifiably long incarceration as a class. It needs jurisprudence at the normative level to tackle the technical arguments that create a false notion of rule of law when the very cause of arrest and detention is the lack of it. When a glaring instance of curtailing a person's freedom is placed before the top court, it should be capable of calling for the records pertaining to the multiple FIRs and to *suo motu* add all the stakeholders as parties (if needed); the Court should immediately ensure that vindictive incarceration does not continue even for a day. This might be difficult, yet not impossible. Mr. Zubair's case is one (like many other cases in the past) that demonstrates the juridical deficits of today's Supreme Court. It is, therefore, an imperative to evolve an effective jurisprudence of "complete justice" by focusing on personal liberty. It is the praxis of this new judicial device that can, perhaps, preserve the country's democratic legacy.

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Create more jobs, revamp employment policy

The Government's 10 lakh jobs creation plan does not appear to have factored in the ground realities

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The Government of India has recently announced its plan to create 10 lakh government jobs in the next 18 months. Of about 40 lakh sanctioned posts, 22% posts are now vacant and the Government will fill these posts in 18 months.

Though the announcement has been called a "historic step in the interest of the youth" and as "raising a new hope and confidence among youth" by some top Government leaders, the plan has serious problems.

Vacancies are much higher

The first question is: how is the Government managing now in the absence of more than a fifth of the required number of staff? There are as many as 8.72 lakh positions that were vacant in various departments of the Central government, as told by the Minister of State in Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Jitendra Singh, to the Rajya Sabha on February 3, 2022. If various positions in public sector banks, the defence forces and police, the health sector, central schools and central universities, and the judiciary are added, then the number touches about 30 lakh posts. This number does not include vacancies in State government jobs. As sanctioned posts broadly indicate the required posts needed to run a government, it appears that this government is perhaps facing a serious shortage of staff, which is then causing long delays in work, corruption and maybe other inefficiencies.

The Government, however, has not made any complaints about such shortages in recent years. Why then has it made this sudden announcement? Is it because the Government is concerned about youth unemployment? Or is it because it wants to fill the required posts? Or, is it because elections are due in a number of States?'

'Quality' as issue

Another major concern is about the quality of employment that will be generated through this plan. The share of contract workers in total government employment has been increasing rapidly in recent years – from 11.11 lakh in 2017 to 13.25 lakh in 2020 and to 24.31 lakh in 2021. In addition, there are "honorary workers" such as Anganvadi workers, their helpers, accredited social health activist (ASHA) workers, etc. These employees of the government earn a lower salary (consolidated wages), and are not entitled to "decent work" conditions (International Labour Organization recommendations) including a minimum package of social security.

The Government must ensure that the employment generated under its plan will be of a standard quality. There has been no assurance so far on this by the Government.

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More jobs are needed

The total labour force in the country stands at 437.2 million (April 2022 data). At a labour force participation rate of 42.13% (Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy Pvt. Ltd.) the unemployment rate of the youth is about 20% at present. Given the backlog of about 30 million unemployed people and an annual addition of 50 lakh-70 lakh workers every year (World Bank), the dimensions of India's unemployment problem today are formidable. The generation of a mere 10 lakh jobs in the next 18 months is too little. This scheme of the Government will hardly provide any relief to the youth of the country; and will not have much of an impact on the present unemployment problem.

It is important to note here that the performance of the private sector in creating employment opportunities has remained dismal. Currently, when the economy is still struggling to overcome the shocks caused by the novel coronavirus pandemic, and when private final consumption expenditure has not crossed the pre-pandemic level, private firms are being seen to be managing their profit margin by cutting costs (in the form of rationalising wage bills). In this situation it is all the more important for the Government to ensure as many jobs as possible.

Focus on basis needs

As is claimed, if the Government is really in 'mission mode' to provide employment to the unemployed, and to the youth, it will have to do much more than what has been announced. To start with, the Government will have to create more employment within the Government. Recent national and international reports and rankings have shown that India is lagging far behind most other countries in terms of health and nutrition, particularly women and children, in education, literacy and skills, holistic care of children in early childhood and later; drinking water and sanitation, and other basic infrastructure, etc.

We believe that the Government will have to take responsibility for meeting these basic needs without depending on privatisation – at least for the bottom 40% of the population. The first task for the Government would be to take much better direct care of basic well-being, human development and human resource development, and the basic infrastructure of the bottom population without privatisation in these areas.

Another major task would also be to reorient the industrialisation policy to focus on labour-intensive sectors of the economy, and promote Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and informal production by ensuring better technology and higher productivity, providing finances (including working capital) and pushing further cluster development for all industries that have the potential.

Urban employment

And, finally, considering the fact that the urban economy has been badly hurt by the pandemic, a carefully designed urban employment guarantee programme would be most desirable to create ample urban employment avenues for urban youth. This programme will have to be different from the rural employment guarantee programme. The urban programme should include: basic urban services, where the youth would get special training so that they can be absorbed in the mainstream economy; day-care centres set up for childcare to enable women to reduce their unpaid services and to ensure quality care for children; and infrastructural gaps filled in under construction work to facilitate quality urban life.

If the gesture of filling vacant posts in the Government is part of a mission employment, it will have to be followed by radical changes in the Government's employment policy. Let us hope that people of India will be able to discern the motives behind the gesture, and assess the Government's performance accordingly.

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AIADMK's future

The rift in the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam is out in the open. After working together, there is enough evidence to show that matters between Edappadi K. Palaniswami and O. Panneerselvam can only get uglier. The cadre is sure to be looking for a strong leader. But with differences among the top leaders so strong, a game of political one-upmanship could begin.

N. SADHASIVA REDDY,
Bengaluru

■ It is not clear what kind of fundamental impact the change in the topmost level – from 'double leadership' to "single leadership" – is going to have on the revival of the AIADMK party, which is in a state of decline. Matters could get complicated, if the aggressive 'national party' wants to make gains in Tamil Nadu using 'genuine means'. The 'national party' could adopt a 'carrot and stick' method to 'recruit' second-rung leaders from the AIADMK.

A. VENKATASUBRAMANIAN,
Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu

■ At last the dual leadership has ended. Mr. Palaniswami has proved that he can handle challenges and had even managed to keep the party in power. One waits and watches to see what effect the developments will have on the people of Tamil Nadu. Will they now favour one of the two national parties?

M.R. ANAND,
Vrindavan, Uttar Pradesh

Ayurveda and change

I have derived benefits from common Ayurvedic medicines available over the counter and in consultation with doctors. But I have also pondered over some of the medical advice in the ancient texts which I have read over seven decades. I too have noted certain unscientific theories – such as "do not mix hot water with cold for drinking" or "never pour even mildly hot water on one's head while bathing" or "do not eat heated honey" – which appear more ritualistic than scientific. It is time the Government makes comprehensive efforts to revise the ancient medical system for the greater benefit of mankind, now that Ayurveda is gaining world-wide attention (Editorial page, July 11).

SAKI KOSHY ABRAHAM,
Thiruvananthapuram

Keep the harmony

Thank you for echoing my views and concerns in the Editorial, "Blaring red" (*The Hindu*, June 30, 2022). I have been expressing my concern over the deteriorating communal situation in the country for a long time. I have time and again requested the Prime Minister and the Home Minister to issue an appeal for maintaining peace and harmony in the country. Today, nobody knows in what direction the country is heading to[wards].

The quality and contents of the editorials and articles published in *The Hindu* are praiseworthy. The newspaper has always adhered to the principle of neutrality and correctness in reporting.

ASHOK GEHLOT,
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Jaipur, Rajasthan

The scale of municipal finances is inadequate

Fiscal deficits, constraints in tax base expansion, and weakening of institutional mechanisms are challenges

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The urban local body representatives conference in Namakkal in Tamil Nadu. • LAKSHMI NARAYANAN E.

The health of municipal finances is a critical element of municipal governance which will determine whether India realises her economic and developmental promise. The 74th Constitution Amendment Act was passed in 1992 mandating the setting up and devolution of powers to urban local bodies (ULBs) as the lowest unit of governance in cities and towns. Constitutional provisions were made for ULBs' fiscal empowerment. However, three decades since, growing fiscal deficits, constraints in tax base expansion, and weakening of institutional mechanisms that enable resource mobilisation remain challenges. Revenue losses after implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and the pandemic have exacerbated the situation.

Comprehensive data sets on municipal finance are important to understand and counter these challenges, but few exist at the city level. Recently, the Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS) analysed data from 80 ULBs across 24 States between 2012-13 and 2016-17 to understand ULB finance and spending, and found some key trends.

Share of own revenue

The first is that ULBs' own sources of revenue were less than half of their total revenue, with large untapped potential. The ULBs' key revenue sources are taxes, fees, fines and charges, and transfers from Central and State governments, which are known as inter-governmental transfers (IGTs). The share of own revenue (including revenue from taxes on property and advertisements, and non-tax revenue from user charges and fees from building permissions and trade licencing) to total revenue is an important indicator of ULBs' fiscal health and autonomy. This ratio reflects the ULBs' ability to use the sources they are entitled to tap, and their dependency on IGTs. Cities with a higher share of own revenue are more financially self-sustaining.

Our study found that the ULBs's own revenue was 47% of their total revenue. Of this, tax revenue was the largest component: around 29% of the total. There was a 7% increase in own revenue from 2012-13 to 2016-17, but ULBs still lacked revenue buoyancy as their share in GDP of own revenue was only 0.5% for the five-year period.

Property tax, the single largest contributor to ULBs' own revenue, accounted for only about 0.15% of the GDP. The corresponding figures for developing and developed countries were significantly higher (about 0.6% and 1%, respectively) indicating that this is not being harnessed to potential in India. Estimates suggest that Indian ULBs' can achieve these levels. It is essential that ULBs leverage their own revenue-raising powers to be fiscally sustainable and empowered and have better amenities and quality of service delivery.

Dependent on IGTs

Second, many ULBs were highly dependent on IGTs. Transfers from the Central government are as stipulated by the Central Finance Commissions and through grants towards specific reforms, while State government transfers are as grants-in-aid and devolution of State's collection of local taxes. Most ULBs were highly dependent on external grants – between 2012-13 and 2016-17, IGTs accounted for about 40% of the ULBs' total revenue.

Stable and predictable IGTs are particularly important since ULBs' own revenue collection is inadequate. While dependence on IGTs dipped over the years due to modest increase in own revenue, the scale of IGTs in India remained at around 0.5% of GDP, which is far lower than the international average of 2% to 5% of GDP.

This can be improved by increasing the revenue assigned to ULBs from the State governments, and by allocating a share of the State and Centre's GST proceeds to ULBs. This will cushion ULBs' balance sheets as they mobilise their own revenue and explore market-based instruments. IGTs can also incentivise ULBs to deliver better service quality and maintain fiscal discipline.

Third, tax revenue is the largest revenue source for larger cities, while smaller cities are more dependent on grants. There are considerable differences in the composition of revenue sources across cities of different sizes. Class I-A cities (population of over 50 lakh) primarily depend on their own tax revenue, while Class I-B cities and Class I-C cities (population of 10 lakh-50 lakh and 1 lakh-10 lakh, respectively) rely more on IGTs.

Own revenue mobilisation in Class I-A cities increased substantially. It was primarily driven by increases in non-tax revenue. In the five-year period studied, tax revenue in Class I-A cities grew by about 11%, while non-tax revenue grew by about 30%. The external revenue dependency of these larger cities gradually reduced over time, from around 27% in 2012-13 to about 15% in 2016-17. Own revenues of Class I-B and Class I-C cities, on the other hand, were stagnant even while these cities grew in size.

Operations and maintenance

Fourth, operations and maintenance (O&M) expenses are on the increase but still inadequate. O&M expenses are crucial for the upkeep of infrastructure and for maintaining quality of service delivery. The share of O&M expenses in ULBs' total revenue expenditure increased from about 30% in 2012-13 to about 35% in 2016-17. While the expenses were on the rise, studies (such as ICRIER, 2019 and Bandyopadhyay, 2014) indicate that they remained inadequate. For instance, O&M expenses incurred in 2016-17 covered only around a fifth of the requirement forecast by the High-Powered Expert Committee for estimating the investment requirements for urban infrastructure services.

O&M expenses should ideally be covered through user charges, but total non-tax revenues, of which user charges are a part, are insufficient to meet current O&M expenses. Cost recovery for services such as water supply, solid waste management, transportation and waste water management are thus clearly inadequate.

The non-tax revenues were short of the O&M expenditure by around 20%, and this shortfall contributed to the increasing revenue deficit in ULBs. Increasing cost recovery levels through improved user charge regimes would not only improve services but also contribute to the financial vitality of ULBs.

The scale of municipal finances in India is undoubtedly inadequate. A ULB's realised own revenue resources are far below the estimated potential. Tapping into property taxes, other land-based resources and user charges are all ways to improve the revenue of a ULB. IGTs assume significance in the fiscal composition of ULBs, and a stable support from Central and State governments is crucial till ULBs improve their own revenues. Measures need to be made to also cover O&M expenses of a ULB for better infrastructure and service.

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A guarantor of free speech

The Constitution, unlike scriptures, allows criticism of itself

K. CHANDRU

The LDF government's biggest mistake was to get Kerala Minister Saji Cherian to resign over his remarks on the Constitution. Mr. Cherian had said the Constitution is "British-crafted and anti-working class." The writers of the Constitution inserted a few words such as "secularism" and "democracy" here and there, but this did not take away from the fact that the Constitution is a "tool to exploit the common man," he said. Is there any evidence that Mr. Cherian reneged on the oath he took as an MLA and as a Minister?

Amendments to the Constitution

The Indian Constitution is fundamentally liberal. There is no stipulation that makes contempt of the Constitution a serious felony. In fact, Article 19(1)(1) guarantees freedom of expression with which one can even criticise the working of the Constitution. Criticism over Mr. Cherian's remark that the British dictated the Constitution does not hold water. The Constituent Assembly, which drafted the Constitution, borrowed heavily from the Government of India Act, 1935, which was introduced and used by the British for over 12 years in this country. The Constitution is not a holy scripture, but an organic document. The word 'secular' was not found in the original text adopted, but was inserted under the 42nd Amendment.

Many amendments have been made in the Constitution to remove the bias of judgments of higher courts. When Indira Gandhi as Prime Minister announced that 14 banks would be nationalised, the move was challenged in court by the affected banks. The Supreme Court held the Act void. The Mrs. Gandhi government's bill to abolish privy purses was passed in the Lok Sabha, but defeated in the Rajya Sabha. President V.V. Giri then withdrew recognition of all rulers under Article 366(22), which the Supreme Court held unconstitutional. These court decisions led Parliament to introduce the 24th and 25th Amendments to the Constitution. While speaking in support of the amendments, many members of Parliament criticised the judiciary and expressed their dismay over the inadequacies found in the Constitution. P. Ramamurthi of the CPI(M) even went to the extent of describing the Constitution as a representative of the bourgeois landlord state. In the light of these developments, the Marxist party's Central Committee discussed proposing substantial amendments to the Constitution. Just because party cadres contest elections, it does not mean that they are satisfied with the working of the Constitution. They are entitled to criticise the Constitution and work for changes as per their theory of social justice.

In 1967, when E.M.S. Namboodiripad, or EMS, said that the judiciary cannot rise above the economic system and is always subordinate to it, a contempt case was filed against him and he was punished by the Kerala High Court. The Supreme Court, which upheld the conviction, said that EMS did not have a full grasp of Marxism. Nowhere was the judiciary's subordination to the economic system mentioned in Marxism, it said. The Marxist party fully supported EMS then. Today, however, it has left Mr. Cherian, who expressed similar sentiments, high and dry.

There are examples of people being taken to court for constitutional infringement. In 1986, for instance, while protesting against the imposition of Hindi, K. Anbazhagan and nine other DMK legislators burnt Part XVII of the Constitution. A case was filed to remove them from the legislature. The Madras High Court accepted the plea and they were disqualified from the legislature. The charge against Mr. Cherian does not come anywhere near this. If his speech was not palatable, his party members could have given him an advisory and told the agitating Opposition workers to try their luck with the judiciary.

Changes to the Constitution

It is not as if the Constitution has never been questioned. After the Babri Masjid demolition, the Sangh Parivar started a campaign saying all matters cannot be decided by courts and demanded changes to the Constitution. In 2000, the NDA government appointed retired Chief Justice M.N. Venkatachalaiah to head a committee to review the working of the Constitution. The present NDA government has amended the Constitution to implement its own agenda. By repealing Articles 35A and 370, it has done harm to the integrity of India. Deviating from the constitutional norm of rendering affirmative justice to the socially and educationally backward classes, it introduced the 103rd Amendment to provide reservation for economically poorer sections. No one demanded that the BJP leadership quit for these actions; instead, aggrieved persons took the issues to court. Similarly, if Mr. Cherian's statement was offensive, the agitating persons should have gone to court. His speech was not against Marxist theory on the character of the state and its working Constitution. Removing him from the Cabinet gives the message that the party doubts even the Marxist understanding of the Constitution.

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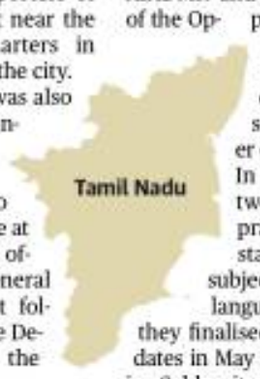
STATE OF PLAY

A crisis and an opportunity

The parting of ways between O. Panneerselvam and Edappadi K. Palaniswami will only help the DMK

T. RAMAKRISHNAN

Ever since the 'single versus dual leadership' debate erupted in the AIADMK about a month ago, the parting of ways between the then party coordinator, O. Panneerselvam, and co-coordinator, Edappadi K. Palaniswami, looked imminent. But what came as a shock was the violent manner in which the separation happened. About 45 minutes before the party general council began on July 11 in Vanagaram near Chennai, clashes between supporters of the two leaders broke out near the AIADMK's party headquarters in Royapettah in the heart of the city. Mr. Panneerselvam, who was also invited to the general council, chose to visit the party headquarters when most of the leaders belonging to the Palaniswami camp were at least 15 km away from the office at the venue of the general council. The clashes that followed forced State Revenue Department officials to seal the party office hours later.



The circumstances which led to this ugly episode only illustrated the fragile nature of ties between Mr. Panneerselvam and Mr. Palaniswami. In September 2017, Mr. Panneerselvam became party coordinator and Mr. Palaniswami, co-coordinator for two reasons. One, the duo wanted to ensure that T.T.V. Dhinakaran, who had held the post of deputy general secretary of the AIADMK (Amma) at that time, was sidelined. They wanted to end the 'hold' of former interim general secretary V.K. Sasikala and her family over the party. Ms. Sasikala was serving a four-year-long sentence in Bengaluru when Mr. Panneerselvam and Mr. Palaniswami struck a deal. Two, the now-deposed coordinator, more than his erstwhile colleague, wanted to "oblige" Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who, according to Mr. Panneerselvam, had advised him to merge his group with that of Mr. Palaniswami and join the Ministry. Mr. Panneerselvam, who went on to serve as Deputy Chief Minister, holding the portfolios of Finance and Housing until the end of the AIADMK regime in May 2021, repeated this point a few weeks ago.

To the credit of the two leaders, they presented a picture of unity for most of the AIADMK government's term. But their differences came to the surface in the later part of 2020 when Mr. Palaniswami forced the party to declare that he was its chief ministerial candidate about six months ahead of the Assembly polls. It was only after a couple of meetings in May 2021 that he was elected leader of the legislature party of the AIADMK and consequently, Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly. It took more than a month for the party to declare Mr. Panneerselvam the deputy leader of the legislature party. In the last 14 months, the two leaders made it a practice to issue separate statements on the same subjects, albeit using similar language. Given the way they finalised the names of candidates in May for two slots in the Rajya Sabha, it was obvious that it was only a matter of time before they would part ways. Subsequently, the two sides fought it out in the courts of law prior to the June 23 and July 11 meetings of the general council. It was only a natural corollary that Mr. Panneerselvam and his associates would be removed from the party at the July 11 general council event. Mr. Palaniswami was made interim general secretary of the party and it was decided that the election for the post of general secretary would be held in four months.

The coming months are going to be challenging for both leaders. While Mr. Pannerselvam, his son P. Ravindhranath who is Theni MP, and their followers will have to find ways to keep themselves politically relevant, Mr. Palaniswami will have to make his party victorious in elections beginning with the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. As of now, there is little clarity on how they are going to achieve this. Needless to say, a divided Opposition is the best bet for the ruling DMK.

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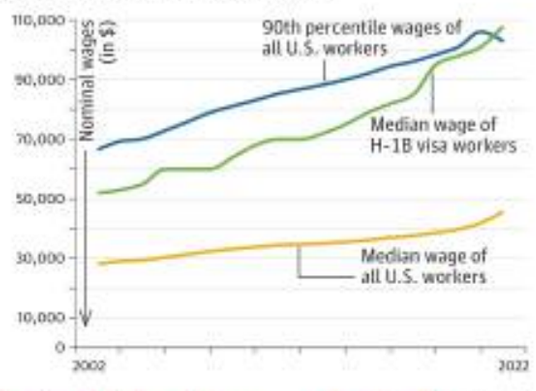
DATA POINT

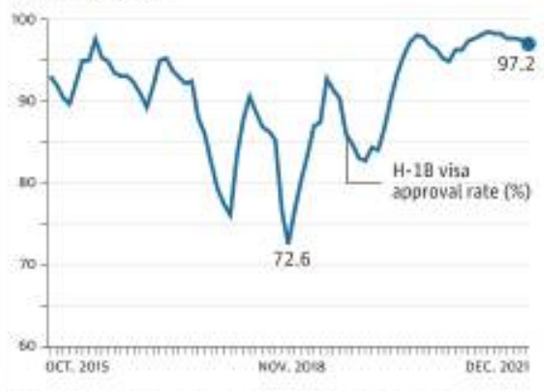
Trump era H-1B woes end

During the Donald Trump era, H-1B workers, a majority of whom are Indians, had a hard time. The visa approval rate sharply dropped to 72% from over 95% during Barack Obama's presidency. The share of Chinese nationals consistently rose among H-1B workers as the share of Indians declined. While the share of H-1B workers in American companies kept increasing, Indian companies struggled to get H-1B permits. However, since Joe Biden took over as President, the situation has changed. H1-B visa approval rates have surpassed those seen in the Obama period and peaked at 98%. The share of Indian companies in H-1B workers has improved and the share of Indians in H-1B permits has started to climb again. The median wage of H-1B workers matches the top 10% of U.S. earners. By **Jasmin Nihalani and Vignesh Radhakrishnan**

Fat paychecks | The chart sourced from Cato Institute shows the median wage of all U.S. workers and H-1B visa workers and the wages at the 90th percentile for U.S. workers. In 2021, the median wage of H-1B workers moved past the 90th percentile wages, a first since 2003. Also, the gap between the median wages of H-1B workers and all U.S. workers has widenend over time



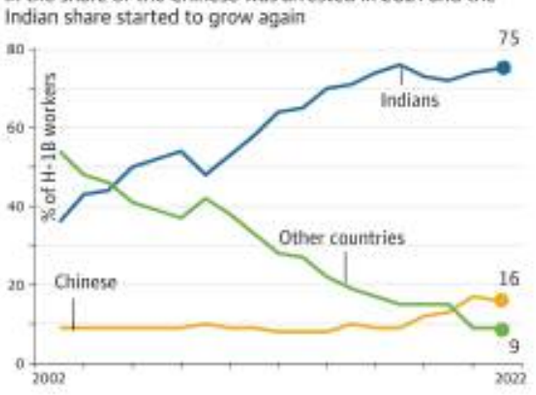
Better visa approval rate | The chart plots the approval rate of H-1B visas between October 2015 and December 2021. The approval rate recorded sharp drops during Donald Trump's presidency. In November 2018, it touched a low of 72.6%. However, under President Biden, the approval rate has surged again and has remained above 95% so far

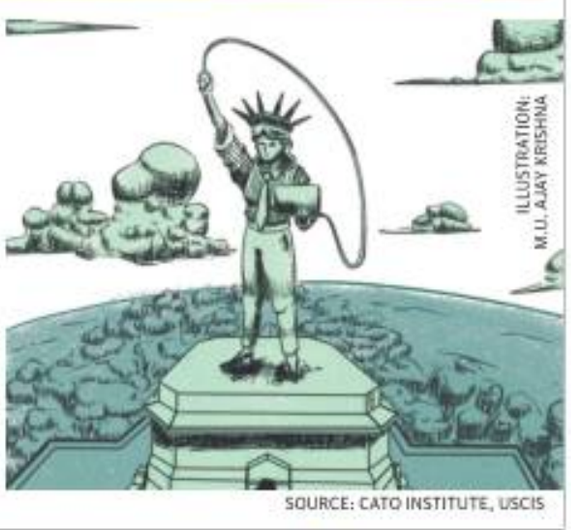


Indian vs U.S. employers
The table lists the share of a company in the total H-1B visas approved each year. Before 2018, Indian companies such as Infosys, Wipro, TCS and CTS (U.S.-based firm with heavy dependency on India-based workers) hired a lion's share of H-1B workers. Post-2018 their share waned and the % of U.S. firms surged. Since 2021, the share of some Indian firms has seen a revival

Employer	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Amazon	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	3%	5%	6%	9%	10%	10%
TCS	2%	8%	7%	9%	8%	9%	9%	8%	6%	5%	6%	7%
Facebook	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	3%	3%	3%	6%
Google	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	4%	4%	4%	5%
CTS	13%	16%	12%	15%	15%	16%	18%	8%	10%	9%	5%	4%
Infosys	13%	10%	12%	9%	8%	10%	9%	5%	4%	6%	9%	4%
Microsoft	5%	3%	4%	2%	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%
Deloitte	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	4%	6%	6%	4%	4%	4%
Apple	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%
Wipro	8%	7%	7%	8%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	2%	3%	1%

H-1B nationality | The chart shows the demographic make-up of approved H1-B petitions. For instance, in 2021, 75% of approved H1-B workers were Indian, 16% were Chinese and 9% were from other countries. The sharp rise in the share of the Chinese was arrested in 2021 and the Indian share started to grow again





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FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO JULY 13, 1972

Coconut husk an essential item

Cochin, July 12: A Full Bench of the Kerala High Court by a majority judgment of two against one on Monday held that the notification issued by the Central Government declaring coconut husk as an essential commodity under the Essential Commodities Act was legal. Earlier, a Judge of the High Court had declared that the notification and the Coir Retting (Licensing) Order 1968, and all notifications issued thereunder were without jurisdiction and illegal. Allowing an appeal preferred by the Kerala Government against the Judge's order, Mr. Justice V.P. Gopalan Nambiar and Mr. Justice G. Viswanatha Aiyar, two of the three Judges of the Full Bench, disagreed with the single judge's view that coconut husk could not be regarded as a product of coir industry. The Chief Justice, Mr. T.C. Raghavan, the other Judge of the Full Bench, differed with the majority view while agreeing with the conclusion of the single judge. Delivering the majority judgment, Mr. Justice Nambiar said that legislation "with respect to" the making of products of the coir industry seemed to be wide enough to cover legislations with respect to coconuts.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JULY 13, 1922

Mr. Sastri

Wellington, July 11: Mr. Sastri on arriving here was given a civic reception and enthusiastically welcomed. The Mayor in the course of his speech referred to Mr. Sastri as a true student of the world's affairs and a strong Imperialist. Mr. Sastri replying said he was gratified with his splendid reception, but he was now used to the hospitality of the people of Pacific. It was a great thing for his country to belong to the Commonwealth of Nations which constituted the British Empire. It was essential that the people of the Empire which strove for fair play, justice and brotherhood among the peoples of this planet should learn more about its own people. Mr. Sastri was subsequently entertained to luncheon by members of Parliament. The Prime Minister Mr. Massey said no better man than Mr. Sastri had participated in the Imperial Conference. Mr. Sastri said that in the attempts to become a full dominion he knew India has the sympathy of Mr. Massey among others. There was a feeling in the Dominions which was stronger than before the war, that the Empire's highest achievements were only possible when all parts had come together round the council table on the basis of equality.

FROM PAGE ONE

Gotabaya 'stuck' as U.S. 'rejects' visa request

Mr. Gotabaya was unable to depart, following a standoff with immigration staff at the airport, who resisted his attempt to leave for a safe location abroad, reportedly a Gulf capital. Immigration officials suspended their services in the VIP suite.

"The President and his wife spent the night at a military base next to the main international airport after missing four flights that could have taken them to the United Arab Emirates," *AFP* said in its report. When contacted, an official attached to the Presidential Media Division declined to comment on the President's current location.

Parliamentary Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena earlier told the *BBC* that the President was in a "nearby country", but swiftly withdrew the comment calling it "a mistake".

Mr. Gotabaya's youngest brother Basil Rajapaksa was also prevented from leaving the capital after immigration staff refused to stamp his papers. Mr. Basil is a dual citizen of Sri Lanka and the U.S.

The option of fleeing appears to have got harder for Mr. Basil and his older brother Mahinda Rajapaksa, two-time President and former Prime Minister, following a motion filed in Sri Lanka's Supreme Court on Tuesday. Petitioners have sought a travel ban on them, along with others, "responsible" for the economic crisis in Sri Lanka.

Retail inflation stays stubbornly above 7%

The Minister expressed the hope that the monsoon would be favourable for the farm sector and result in a good crop, adding that it would also help ensure rural demand remained intact. The government's pointed attack on inflation would, however, need to continue for a while, Ms. Sitharaman stressed.

Edible oil inflation slowed to 9.36%, slipping below double digits for the first time in 27 months, while transport and communication inflation eased to 6.9% in June, from 9.47% in May, reflecting the full impact of the excise duty cuts on petrol and diesel. "Retail inflation has now averaged 7.3% in the first quarter of 2022-23, slightly lower than the RBI's forecast of 7.5%," observed D.K. Srivastava, EY India's chief policy advisor.

"There is not much relief for the low-income consumer budgets with inflation in clothing and footwear at higher levels of 9.2% and 11.9%, respectively, in June. Fuel and light inflation also increased to 10.4% in June as compared to 9.5% in May. Inflationary pressures thus continue unabated due to global supply-side disruptions and consequent pressures on prices of global crude and primary products," he said. The central bank is expected to continue to raise interest rates by about 50 to 60 basis points.

ICRA's chief economist Aditi Nayar said the services sub-indices reflected a pick-up in inflation that needed to be watched very carefully, adding that she, however, expects overall inflation would likely slip back below 7% in the coming months.

Uddhav faction backs NDA nominee Murmu

Two Lok Sabha members, namely Shrikant Shinde – son of Mr. Shinde – and Yavatmal-Washim MP Bawana Gawali have already switched sides. Rahul Shewale from Mumbai south-central Lok Sabha constituency had written a letter to Mr. Thackeray requesting him to extend support to the NDA candidate. Amid reports that the Chief Minister would be attending a meeting of the NDA to consolidate support for Ms. Murmu and to avoid a further split within the party, Mr. Thackeray is said to have decided to extend support to the NDA candidate.

The decision however has not gone well with the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) ally Congress. In a statement, Congress Legislature Party leader Balasaheb Thorat said that despite being a part of the MVA, Mr. Thackeray did not consult anyone before announcing his decision. "Shiv Sena has freedom to take a different stand. But at a time when undemocratic means were used to bring down a government and the very existence of the Sena was questioned, the stand taken today is inexplicable," Mr. Thorat said, adding that the present presidential election is a part of larger battle to save democracy.

Mr. Sinha was the vice-president of the Trinamool Congress before he resigned from the party. West Bengal Chief Minister and TMC president Mamata Banerjee's response has been less than tepid ever since Ms. Murmu's candidature was announced. Mr. Sinha will not be going to West Bengal. Though, TMC sources said the party legislators and parliamentarians will vote for him. "The TMC strongly backs Mr. Sinha and we will mobilise the BJP MLAs and MPs from West Bengal to vote for him," a leader said.

(With inputs from Delhi)

Ministry takes up trans-pilot's case

R. Subrahmanyam, Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, said there was "no time frame" given to the DGCA to respond to its letter. A senior DGCA official said, "We will respond to the letter."

"The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment would like to bring to your notice that the actions of the DGCA are in conflict with the judgment of the Supreme Court in the National Legal Services Authority case and violates the provisions stated under the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act of 2019, as it ends up being discriminatory by denying/terminating employment or occupation on the basis of gender of the person," said the letter to the Director General, DGCA, Arun Kumar, on July 11.

The Ministry has detailed the steps the DGCA should undertake to "create special provisions" for transgender people. These include providing the option for "male, female and transgender person" to apply for all jobs regulated by the DGCA and "guidelines for licensing" for transgenders persons who apply for pilot licences. The committee that drafts the guidelines should have representatives from the community and medical experts who have worked with transgender persons.

Police seize 75 kg of heroin in Mundra

Officials say Gujarat's ports and porous sea coast are being increasingly used to smuggle drugs

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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In a joint operation, the Punjab Police and the Gujarat Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) have seized nearly 75 kg of heroin, estimated at over ₹375 crore, from a container near the Mundra port in Kutch district. The container, which originated from Dubai and was kept at a container freight station outside the port, was searched based on a tip-off received from intelligence sources.

"We have seized the container and found around 75 kg of high-quality heroin worth ₹375 crore," Director-General of Police (DGP), Gujarat, Ashish Bhatia told presspersons in Gandhinagar.

Mr. Bhatia said the suspected container was officially declared as carrying textiles in the shipping bills and Customs filings but when it was inspected based on specific inputs, officials stumbled upon the large quantity of heroin hidden in packets.

The authorities showing the contraband hidden in the fabric rolls which was seized on Tuesday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"We got suspicious as the containers were only one-third filled, which seldom happens. There were 540 textile rolls, out of which 64 carried heroin. To bypass the X-ray machine, plastic wrappers were used to conceal the drugs, while adhesive tape was used to cover the plastic layer," the DGP added.

The agency that imported the cargo is based in Kolkata and has an office in Gandhidham in Kutch. Mr. Bhatia said that the consignment was meant for Punjab and other parts of North India, and the cargo was loaded in Dubai. Officials are investigating the role of importers, and others, in the seizure.

In April, the ATS, in a joint operation with with the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), had seized heroin worth ₹1,300 crore from the Kandla port in Kutch. In Mundra, this is the second major consignment of drugs to be intercepted in less than a year's time.

In September 2021, the DRI, in the country's largest drug haul, had intercepted three containers shipped from the Bandar Abbas port in Iran to Mundra. Officially, the seized containers were carrying semi-processed talc stones but they were actually loaded with 2,988.21 kg or nearly three tonnes of heroin worth more than ₹21,000 crore in the international market.

NIA to investigate

Along with that seizure, the DRI had arrested a couple from Chennai, whose firm had officially imported the cargo, and a few others, including some Afghan nationals, and subsequently the probe was handed over to the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to look into the terror angle in the drug smuggling case.

In recent years, drug peddlers and smuggling mafias have turned to transporting drugs via containers, and have made the ports in Gujarat a playground for smuggling. According to officials of State and Central agencies, Gujarat's ports and porous sea coast are increasingly being used as transit centres to smuggle contraband drugs into the country.

This has emerged as the biggest narco-terrorism threat as the containers carry massive quantities of drugs, and a single miss results in crores of profits allegedly used to fund terror activities in the country. In 2022, six cases of drug seizures were filed by the Gujarat ATS, involving 717.3 kg of drugs with a market value of approximately ₹3,586 crore. Twenty-three persons, including 16 Pakistani nationals and three Afghan nationals, were arrested.

SC defers EPFO case to July 15

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday deferred to July 15 an appeal filed by the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) challenging the decisions of three separate High Courts which quashed the amendments made under Employees Pension Scheme (EPS) 1995 to determine "pensionable salary".

A Bench sought time to finalise the combination of the three judges to hear the case after a lawyer pointed out during the hearing that Justice S. Ravindra Bhat, one of the puisne judges on the current Bench, had heard one of the cases earlier in the Rajasthan High Court. The EPFO has challenged the decisions of the High Courts of Delhi, Kerala and Rajasthan.

The dispute revolves around the controversial amendments made to Clause 11(3) of the EPS-1995.

Delhi court defers Zubair's plea to July 14

He had moved a fresh bail application

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

A Delhi court on Tuesday deferred the hearing of the bail petition of Alt News co-founder Mohammed Zubair, in connection with the Delhi Police Special Cell (IFSO) case against him for a 2018 tweet of his, to July 14.

Mr. Zubair had moved a fresh bail application in the case before the court of Additional Sessions Judge Devendra Kumar Jangala after the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate denied him bail on July 2, and remanded him in judicial custody for 14 days.

On Tuesday, Mr. Jangala heard preliminary submissions from advocate Vrinda Grover, who appeared for the journalist.

Minutes into the hearing, Senior Public Prosecutor Atul Srivastava appeared in court virtually and sought an adjournment till July 14, saying he would be out of Delhi till then.

Mr. Srivastava told the court that he was in Bhopal and was unable to get back to Delhi before July 14 because of delays in train schedules due to excessive rain. Ms. Grover sought for the plea to be taken up sooner saying, "This is about a man's liberty." She added that some other prosecutor could appear or Mr. Srivastava could appear virtually to argue the matter. However, the court decided to list the bail plea for the next hearing on July 14.

After perusing the top court's order granting interim bail to Mr. Zubair earlier, Mr. Jangala asked how this matter was connected given that the Supreme Court order clearly states it was only for the Sitapur FIR, and the instant plea was in the Delhi FIR.

Ms. Grover told the court that "mala fide is writ large" in the case, adding that the case was registered by the Delhi Police at 2 a.m. on June 20 based on one Twitter user's social media complaint.

SC extends interim bail of Zubair

Uttar Pradesh govt. has sought time to file a counter-affidavit to his petition

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday ordered that the interim bail granted to Alt News co-founder Mohammed Zubair in a case registered in Uttar Pradesh would continue till further orders.

A Bench of Justice D.Y. Chandrachud and A.S. Bopanna said the interim bail to Mr. Zubair, represented by senior advocate Colin Gonsalves, in a first information report registered in Sitapur district of Uttar Pradesh accusing the fact-checker of insulting religious feelings with his tweet, would "remain in operation pending further orders".

'Quash Sitapur FIR'

The court's order came after Uttar Pradesh, represented by Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta and Additional Solicitor-General S.V. Raju, sought time to file a counter-affidavit to Mr. Zubair's petition rubbishing the charges against him as "absurd". He has urged the top court to quash the Sitapur FIR.

Policemen escorting Mohammed Zubair after producing him at the Patiala House Courts in New Delhi on July 2. • FILE PHOTO

On July 8, a Vacation Bench allowed interim bail to Mr. Zubair for five days subject to several conditions, including that he did not tweet. The interim bail order had, however, not set Mr. Zubair free. He remains in custody while facing other cases in both Delhi and Uttar Pradesh.

The court posted the case for final hearing on September 7. It gave Uttar Pradesh four weeks to file its counter-affidavit and asked Mr. Zubair to file his rejoinder, if any, in two weeks thereafter. The court asked lawyers on both sides to file briefs of their arguments by the next date.

In the previous hearing, Mr. Raju had argued that Mr. Zubair had insulted the religious feelings of the followers of Bajrang Muni Das by calling a religious leader a "hatemonger". He had reasoned that Mr. Zubair made allegations which could "incite disharmony".

Mr. Mehta had called Mr. Zubair as a "habitual offender" and part of a "syndicate". He said there was an angle of foreign contributions from countries inimical to India.

'Secular tweeter'

Mr. Gonsalves had countered that his client was a "secular tweeter defending the Constitution". He said Mr. Zubair represented a prestigious organisation which meticulously traced hate speeches and informed the police. "The puzzling factor here is that a person who exposes hate speeches is in jail and those who are continuing to give hate speeches are out on bail..." Mr. Gonsalves said.

The Alt News co-founder had contended that the police were following a "new strategy" for registering hate crime cases, that is, to "register FIRs against those engaging in hate speech and communal crimes, as well as to rope in all secular elements monitoring such crimes and protesting police inaction against the wrong doers".

Policeman killed in militant attack

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR

A police officer was killed and two others were injured in a militant attack in Srinagar city on Tuesday. "Terrorists fired upon a police naka party at Lal Bazar area. Three policemen were injured," police said.

Sub-inspector Mushtaq Ahmad died while being treated for injuries in hospital. There is a heightened security in Kashmir due to the ongoing Amarnath yatra. Police have set up checkpoints near Lal Bazaar and the vehicular movement was being monitored closely.

Karti's bail petition to be heard in Aug.

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has opposed the anticipatory bail plea filed by Congress MP Karti P. Chidambaram in the High Court in the alleged Chinese visa scam, saying that the probe so far reveals his involvement in the case.

The High Court has listed Mr. Karti's anticipatory bail plea on August 18. The ED orally told the court that its earlier assurance of no coercive action against Mr. Karti would extend till the next date.

Next hearing on Gyanvapi case today

The suit was filed by 5 women seeking right to pray at temple near the mosque

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee on Tuesday concluded its submissions on their Order VII Rule 11 application, challenging the maintainability of the Hindu plaintiffs' suit in the ongoing Gyanvapi mosque-Kashi Vishwanath Temple civil dispute in Varanasi.

The Gyanvapi mosque

Soon after, four of the Hindu plaintiffs began their submissions before Varanasi district judge A.K. Vishvesha, opposing the Masjid panel's application, with advocate Vishnu Shankar Jain leading their legal team.

"We started our arguments by submitting that our suit is not barred under the Places of Worship Act, 1991 or by the Waqf Act," Mr. Jain said. "Also, we argued that the Masjid panel submissions had clearly gone beyond the ambit of the pleadings in their application."

Civil suit

The district court is currently hearing arguments from all parties on the maintainability of the civil suit, which was initially filed by five women, seeking the right to pray at a Hindu temple adjacent to the Gyanvapi mosque throughout the year.

While Mr. Jain, his father Hari Shankar Jain, and their team were initially representing all five plaintiffs, one of them, Rakhi Singh, had last month chosen to drop the Jains as their lawyers, creating a split in the Hindu side. On Tuesday, advocate Shivam Gaur, who is one of the lawyers representing Ms. Singh said, "The court asked Mr. Jain to start their arguments today and we will make our submissions after they are done". The hearing has now been posted for July 13 when Mr. Jain will continue arguments.

Rift among Hindu plaintiffs widens

Plaintiff wants suit protected from others'

ABHINAY LAKSHMAN
NEW DELHI

The split between the Hindu plaintiffs and lawyers representing them in the Gyanvapi mosque-Kashi Vishwanath temple civil dispute has only grown since it appeared first in May, with the plaintiff number 1, Rakhi Singh, on Tuesday approaching the district court in Varanasi with a prayer to essentially separate her suit from those of others.

This, even as the remaining four plaintiffs (Manju Vyas, Sita Sahu, Rekha Pathak, and Lakshmi Devi) and their lawyers started questioning the bona fide of Ms. Singh, who is being legally represented in court by her uncle Jitender Singh Visen, the chief of the Vishwa Vedic Sanatan Sangh (VVSS).

Cites conflict of interest

In the application filed on Tuesday, Mr. Singh submitted that advocate Vishnu Shankar Jain, whose team is representing the four other plaintiffs, had a conflict of interest in the suit. Mr. Singh said: "He is a standing counsel of the Uttar Pradesh government in the Supreme Court and the suit has the U.P. government as one of the defendants."

Saying that the Masjid panel might use Mr. Jain's alleged conflict of interest to get the suit dismissed entirely, Mr. Singh said he did not want his suit to be affected by any orders the court passes considering the retention of Mr. Jain. "This is what the application is for," he said.

Mr. Jain told *The Hindu*: "There is no conflict here. I have secured a no-objection certificate from the U.P. government to file this suit and have submitted it in court."

The split between the plaintiffs in the Gyanvapi dispute first started appearing in early May when Mr. Singh said he filed an application to separate one of his suits from the rest.

On May 31, Mr. Singh made an official announcement to drop Mr. Jain and his father as their lawyers in the case, after which the dispute escalated. Since then, both have alleged that the other was "parachuted" into the case, both have claimed they were the ones who did the "initial work" on the suits, and both have claimed the other was conspiring against the cause of Hindus.

Meanwhile, Mr. Jain and his team on Monday launched the Shri Adi Mahadev Kashi Dharmalaya Mukti Nyas, a registered trust to coordinate all legal efforts in the six suits related to the Gyanvapi dispute that they were fighting. "Of course, this will exclude Mr. Singh or anyone related to him since he no longer wants us to represent him," Mr. Jain said.

SC adjourns Varavara's bail plea to July 19

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday extended the interim protection allowed to P. Varavara Rao in the Bhima Koregaon case and adjourned his plea for permanent bail on medical grounds to July 19.

A three-judge Bench said Mr. Rao would continue to have the interim protection "till further orders". The case was listed for Tuesday next week after Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the National Investigation Agency, orally sought a later posting while submitting that the interim protection to Mr. Rao may be allowed to continue. Senior advocate Anand Grover agreed to Mr. Mehta's request for an adjournment.

"The interim protection enjoyed by the petitioner will enure to his benefit till further orders," the court dictated the order. The interim protection for Mr. Rao was originally to end on Tuesday.

After the court passed the order, Mr. Mehta urged the court to extend the interim protection only till July 19, the next day of hearing, and not "till further orders", as mentioned in the order. But the court did not alter the order, taking into consideration the remote possibility that the case may be adjourned on July 19 too for some reason or the other.

Murmu meets BJP lawmakers in West Bengal

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

National Democratic Alliance's Presidential nominee Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday met BJP lawmakers in Kolkata. Among those who met Ms. Murmu were State BJP president Sukanta Majumdar, Leader of the Opposition Suvendu Adhikari and the party's national vice-president Dilip Ghosh.

Mr. Ghosh told journalists that all the BJP lawmakers present assured their support to Ms. Murmu. However, the Trinamool Congress leadership maintained silence. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee remained in Darjeeling and participated in the swearing-in of members of the newly elected Gorkhaland Territorial Administration.

EC starts distribution of ballot boxes for Presidential election

Ballot papers, other poll paraphernalia handed over to assistant returning officers

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission on Tuesday kicked off the distribution of ballot boxes, ballot papers, pens and other sealed material for the Presidential election to be held in the State Assemblies on July 18.

The designated teams from the States and the Union Territories of Delhi and Puducherry have begun collecting the election materials from the EC headquarters.

In a statement, the EC said they were handed over to the assistant returning officers under appropriate security measures, and teams of the Delhi Police escorted them.

Ready for despatch: CEC Rajiv Kumar and other officials inspecting poll material in New Delhi on Tuesday. • PTI

"The AROs return to their respective States/UTs on the same day as the collection of the election materials. During the transportation, the ballot boxes fly on a separate air ticket in the front row of aircraft beside the seat of the officer transporting the materials under personal supervision," the EC said.

It tweeted the photo of one of the State's air ticket that included "Mr. Ballot Box" as the passenger, between two officers. An EC official said the ballot boxes were being transported solely by air since 2017.

Due to weather conditions, the ballot box for Himachal Pradesh was sent via road on Tuesday, the official said.

Interacting with the AROs who had come to collect the material, Chief Election Commission Rajiv Kumar "asked the officials to be vigilant and ensure strict adherence to protocols and guidelines for transportation and storage of election materials, including ballot boxes and ballot papers", the EC statement said.

Grace missing in replica of emblem, says Opposition

Puri urges leaders to have sense of proportion, perspective

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

A day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the National Emblem cast on top of the under-construction Parliament building here, controversy continued to simmer not just over the ceremony, in which the Opposition parties said they were not involved, but also over the features of the replica of the Ashoka Pillar.

While the Congress said the lions at the original site in Sarnath were "graceful and regally confident", the replica over the new Parliament was "menacing" and had an "aggressive posture". The charge was denied by Minister for Urban Development Hardeep Puri, who put out a long Twitter thread as a clarification stating that the Lion Capital of Ashoka in Sarnath was around 1.6 metres high, whereas the emblem atop the Parliament building was 6.5 metres high. He urged the Opposition leaders to "have a sense of proportion and perspective".

A view of the National Emblem made of bronze in New Delhi on Tuesday. • PTI

Leader of the Congress Legislature Party in the Lok Sabha, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, called attention to what he said were the differences in the two. "Narendra Modi Ji, please observe the face of the Lion, whether it is representing the statue of Great Sarnath or a distorted version of GIR (in Gujarat) lion. Please check it and if it needs, mend the same," he tweeted.

Rajya Sabha member and AICC in-charge of communications Jairam Ramesh tweeted pictures of the original Lion Capital at Sarnath and the emblem unveiled by Mr. Modi on Monday to draw out the differences between the two. "To completely change the character and nature of the lions on the Ashoka Pillar at Sarnath is a brazen insult to National Symbol," he tweeted.

"Original is on the left, graceful, regally confident. The one on the right is Modi's version, put above the new Parliament building – snarling, unnecessarily aggressive and disproportionate. Shame! Change it immediately," tweeted Trinamool MP Jawahar Sircar, again reproducing the two pictures.

The BJP said the criticism was just another example of "the Opposition criticising for the sake of criticism". The BJP's media cell convener and Rajya Sabha member, Anil Baluni, said: "The size of the original and the replica differ and the angle at which the photograph is published in the media may distort the image, If we take pictures of anyone from a bottom-up angle, the image appears different. The Opposition, instead of taking pride in the fact that the country will have a new Parliament House, and by Indians as a free nation, are creating unnecessary controversies," he said.

Modi govt. is intimidating the judiciary, alleges Congress

Party-ruled States to liberalise bail laws, says Singhvi

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

A day after sitting Karnataka High Court judge Justice H.P. Sandesh talked about the threat of transfer by "someone from Delhi" in an open court, the Congress on Tuesday accused the Narendra Modi government of "intimidating, interfering and influencing the judiciary".

Senior Supreme Court advocate and Congress spokesperson Abhishek Singhvi also raised the top court's ruling that noted that "indiscriminate arrests and denial of bail give the impressions of a police state", and asserted that Congress-ruled States would liberalise the bail laws.

"Intimidation, interference and influence are unfortunately the three notorious spikes of the Modi government's approach to the judiciary. BJP is equally on a spree to sabotage, subjugate and subvert the judiciary," Mr Singhvi said at a press conference.

Recalling Justice Sandesh's charge that he had received an indirect threat of transfer after he pulled up the anti-corruption bureau chief of the BJP-ruled Karnataka, Mr. Singhvi said the ruling party not only tries to "intimidate" the judiciary but also attempts "to install a section of judicial personnel vetted by it [BJP] and its supporters on impermissible tests of loyalty, ideology and commitment to itself".

On the targeting of the Supreme Court Bench that heard the Nupur Sharma case, he said, "When a Bench of the Supreme Court made strong and pertinent observations regarding the reckless conduct and arrogance of a BJP spokesperson, we saw a three-pronged attack that has become an all-too-familiar tool of the ruling dispensation. Savage and faceless trolls spewed fake news and propaganda, an orchestrated letter by 'intellectuals' was dispatched and it was accompanied by one-sided reporting by sections of the media."

Mr. Singhvi, who is a member of the Congress Working Committee (CWC), also alleged that the government uses delay in judicial appointments to affect seniority of judges and misuses government dossiers to make oblique insinuations about them.

Gehlot named senior observer for Gujarat poll

Baghel senior observer for Himachal

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and his Chhattisgarh counterpart, Bhupesh Baghel, have been appointed as senior observers for the upcoming Assembly elections in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh, respectively, the Congress said on Tuesday.

Chhattisgarh Health Minister T.S. Singh Deo and former Lok Sabha member Milind Deora have been appointed observers for the Gujarat election, while former Rajasthan Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot and Punjab Leader of the Opposition Partap Singh Bajwa would be observers for the Himachal Pradesh poll, a statement issued by general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal said.

On Tuesday, former chief of the BJP in Himachal Pradesh Khimi Ram joined the Congress.

Both Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh are scheduled to go to the polls later this year and the Congress is taking early steps in terms of election preparation after its disastrous performance in the last round of Assembly elections.

The choice of Mr. Gehlot is interesting as he was credited for the Congress giving a tough fight to the BJP in the 2017 Gujarat Assembly election in which the party restricted the BJP to 99 MLAs and on its own won 77 seats. However, with reports of former party chief Rahul Gandhi going abroad again, especially in the middle of the party's Goa crisis, questions are being raised about seriousness of the leadership.

Beware of shortcut politics: PM

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PATNA

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday urged people of Jharkhand to stay away from those who practise "shortcut politics", as it would not do any good to the country or the State.

"People must beware of those who practise shortcut politics ... Sometimes, it causes short circuit," he said in Deoghar, adding that such people cannot "give you airports, AIIMS or other developments".

Two SKM core members hold separate event

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Two core committee members of the Samyukt Kisan Morcha – a umbrella body of nearly 300 farmers' outfits – on Tuesday held a convention of about 30 organisations here on Tuesday. Jagjit Singh Dallewal and Shivkumar Sharma Kakkaji claimed that their effort was to "depoliticise" the SKM.

They announced gatherings parallel to the SKM's call for protests starting on July 18 against the Centre.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
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No. EE/BTM/AE/E-PROC/06/2022-23 Date: 12.07.2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Short Term Tender Notification – Two cover system)
(Through GoK E-Procurement Portal only)

The Government of Karnataka, vide G.O.No. UDD/208/MNY/2022 (E) Bengaluru, Dated 07.05.2022 has accorded in Principle approval and sanctioned budget for taking up of the works listed below.

The Executive Engineer, BTM Layout Division, BBMP, invites tenders on behalf of the Commissioner, BBMP, Bengaluru from eligible tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for works through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (viz., https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in). The tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the instruction to tenderers of KW-4 to qualify for award of the contract.

Tender must be accompanied by Earnest Money Deposit specified for the work in the table below. Earnest Money Deposit will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the tender documents. Tender will valid for 90 days beyond the validity of the tender.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Approximate Value of the work (Rs in Lakhs)
1	Comprehensive developmental works to Roads, Drains, Footpath and Asphalting to bad roads in ward no. 146, 152, 172 and 176 (Comprising of 20 works) (Package No. 01). **EMD (in Rs.)** : 19,18,000/- (Rs. 1.00 Lakh shall be paid in the E-Procurement portal and the balance amount of Rs. 18,18,000/- shall be in the form of Bank Guarantee).	1918.00
2	Comprehensive developmental works to Roads, Drains, Footpath and Asphalting to bad roads in ward no. 172 and 176 (Comprising of 11 works) (Package No. 02). **EMD (in Rs.)** : 15,00,000/- (Rs. 1.00 Lakh shall be paid in the E-Procurement portal and the balance amount of Rs. 14,00,000/- shall be in the form of Bank Guarantee).	1082.00
3	Comprehensive development and Asphalting to roads and construction of RCC Drains, Culvert, Cobble stone pavers and Footpath improvements and other development works at 7th Block Koramanagala (balance roads), 10th to 17th cross roads and surrounding area in Muniswamy Gowda road, Ashwini layout, Yellamma Temple, VGS Temple, Stanley House roads in Ejipura, 5th and 3rd Block in Koramangala, HSR Layout 6th sector, behind Metro Station and Electrical Srinivasa House road in Jakkasandra in Ward No. 147, 148, 151 and 173 (Package No. 03). **EMD (in Rs.)** : 15,00,000/- (Rs. 1.00 Lakh shall be paid in the E-Procurement portal and the balance amount of Rs. 14,00,000/- shall be in the form of Bank Guarantee).	1015.00
4	Comprehensive development and improvements to footpath, Construction of RCC Drains, Culvert, Providing Cobble stone pavers at 2nd, 2nd A main road, 8th Block Koramangala, CAR Police Quarters in Adugodi, 7th A, 7th Cross ST Bed 1st Main road Indiragandhi Colony, JJ Church road, Sadappa house road, Rangappa Garden, Nadugadda, MM Garden, Sreenivagilu, Ayyappa Temple backside, NGV in Ejipura. 100 feet road to 17th E main road 6th block Koramangala Mestripalya, Yellamma Temple, Teachers Colony, 1st and 2nd main road, BBMP play ground at Jakkasandra and Construction of Additional Floor to Samudaya Bhavana beside Karumariyamma Temple Rajendranagar, Gandhi Colony Building and Kempegowda Samudaya Bhavana, Auditorium construction at CAR Police Quarters and construction of Samudhaya Bhavana in Jakkasandra Extension, Mestripalya multi purpose building and other development works in Ward No. 147, 148, 151 and 173 (Package No. 04). **EMD (in Rs.)** : 19,85,000/- (Rs. 1.00 Lakh shall be paid in the E-Procurement portal and the balance amount of Rs. 18,85,000/- shall be in the form of Bank Guarantee).	1985.00

Cost of tender form in Rs. : As per E-Procurement Portal. **Period of Completion** : 9 months Excluding monsoon season.

Calendar of Events: **(1)** Tender documents may be downloaded from the E-Procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from 13.07.2022. **(2)** Pre bid meeting will be held on 19.07.2022 at 11.30 AM in the office of the Chief Engineer (South), Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, 9th Main, 9th Cross, Jayanagar 2nd Block, Bengaluru-560 010, to clarify the issue and to answer questions on any matter may be raised at that stage as stated in 'Instructions to Bidders' of the bidding document. **(3)** Tender must be submitted online through E-Procurement portal on or before 16.00 hours on 22.07.2022 and the opening of tenders will be as per the e-procurement guidlines. (4) Last date of receipt of queries : 18.07.2022 up to 17.00 hours. **(5)** Technical bids will be opened on the website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in in the office of the Executive Engineer, BTM Layout Division on 25.07.2022 at 16.30 Hours. Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
BTM Layout Division

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TOURISM CORPORATION OF GUJARAT LIMITED
(A Government of Gujarat Undertaking)
Nigam Bhavan, 1st floor, Sector-16
Gandhinagar-382016

Tender Notice

The tender is invited by Tourism Corporation of Gujarat Ltd. (TCGL), for the appointment of agency for "Development of Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati Trust, Village, Harbatiyali,Ta,Tankara, Dist.Morbi" Estimated Cost of the Project: Rs.10,49,91,065/-. The interested bidders/artist may download the tender document on the website: www.nprocure.com from 14/07/2022 onward. Last date for online submission will be: 28/07/2022 up to 3.00 pm. Tender can also be downloaded from website: www.gujarattourism.com. MD-TCGL reserves the right to reject or accept any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Managing Director

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS : TIRUPATI
Marketing Department e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

e-Tenders are invited for supply of **"1,80,000 Kgs of Dried Grapes (Indian Brown) for a period of four months"** through e-tenders-cum-e-reverse tendering to the Marketing Department , T.T. Devasthanams. For Tender notice and tender details log on to the web site **http://www.tirumala.org** and **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in.** For further details contact phone numbers: **0877-2264079, 2264555, Fax No.0877-2264554.**

Roc.No.PRA/13944/Adv.No.126/PRO/2022, Dated:12-07-2022 EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Shivajinagar Division, Queens Road, BBMP, Bengaluru.

Date: 12/07/2022

CORRIGENDUM

Ref: Tender Notification No: EE(SJN)/TEND/10/2022-23 dtd. 06.07.2022

Attention of the intending contractors is drawn to tender notification under reference the following changes may kindly be noted due to technical reasons.

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender documents can be downloaded from **13-07-2022**. 2) Last date for receipt of queries : **18-07-2022 upto 17:00 hrs.** 3) Pre-bid meeting will be held on **19-07-2022 at 11:30 a.m.** in the office of the Executive Engineer, Shivajinagar Division, Queens Road, Bengaluru - 560 052. 4) Last date for uploading the filled proposals is **22-07-2022 upto 16:00 hrs.** 5) Date of opening of Technical Proposals is **25-07-2022 after 16:30 hrs.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Shivajinagar Division, BBMP

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KERALA WATER AUTHORITY / e-Tender Notice
Tender No: 39 & 40/22-23/SE/PHC/PKD

(1) JJM , State Plan - 21-22 - CWSS to Chalavara, Ananaganadi, Thrikkadeeri Pts. Construction of 22 MLD WTP with Lamella Clarifier, 12LL OHSR, 5LL GLSR and 21LL OHSR, Intake well, Supplying and laying RWPM, CWPM, Pumpset Transformer - Construction of 27LL OHSR, CW Pumpset, Distribution system and road restoration. (2) JJM 21-22 - CWSS to Kumaramputhur Pts. Construction of 3LL OHSR, 1LL OHSR 50000LL sump and pump house 2LL sump and pump house, 4mtr dia intake well RWPM and CWPM, CWQM, distribution lines and providing FHTCs supply and installation of pressure filter units CW Pumpsets and RW pumpsets and road restoration. ● **EMD: Rs. 500000 each** ● **Tender fee: Rs. 17700** ● **Last Date for submitting Tender: 03-08-2022, 03:00 pm** ● **Phone: 0491 2564927** ● **Website: www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**

KWA-JB-GL-6-516-2022-23 Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Palakkad

ODISHA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Odisha Undertaking)
Regd. Office: Janpath, Bhubaneswar-751022
CIN:U40102OR2004SGC007553

TENDER ALERT

1) E-Tender Notice No.CPC-07/2022-23: Engineering, Supply, Erection, Testing and commissioning of construction of 132kV DC line between existing 220/132/33kV grid substation Turumunga and 132/33kV Dhenkikote substation (Approx. Line Length-42.52KM) with 2 nos 132kV feeder bay extension at both end, at an estimated cost of the package for Rs.43.89 Crore in Keonjhar district of Odisha on Turnkey Contract Basis.

Complete set of bidding documents are available on the tender portal: **www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL** portal and OPTCL's official website: **www.optcl.co.in.**

HIPR-14/2022-23 Sd/- Sr. General Manager (CPC)
CAD-1095 OIPR-04011/11/0049/2223

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU / WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
PALAR BASIN CIRCLE, CHEPAUK, CHENNAI - 5.
Form of Contract : Lumpsum - Item Rate Contract
Short Term Tender Notice (Two Cover System)
Short Term Tender Notice No.09 PBC / 2022-2023 / Dt.12.07.2022

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, the Superintending Engineer, WRD, Palar Basin Circle, Chennai-5 invites tender from eligible tenderers for the works of (1.) Construction of a Cut and Cover Channel from L.S.550m to 910m and an Open Channel from L.S.910m to 3090m of the Paruthipattu Tank Surplus Course in Avadi Taluk of Thiruvallur District. (2.) Strengthening the damaged portions of the Krishna Water Supply Project Feeder Canal from LS 14.285 km to LS. 21.500 Km. at his office for upto **3.00 P.M** on **02.08.2022** in sealed covers. The tender will be opened at **3.30 P.M** at his chamber on the same day. Other information such as name of work, details of Work, Value, EMD, Cost of tender schedule, etc., will be available in the Government website **"www.tenders.tn.gov.in".** Any Corrections or Modifications will be published on web site only.

DIPR/1345/Tender/2022
Superintending Engineer, WRD.,
Palar Basin Circle, Chennai-5.

ARULMIGU MARIAMMAN TEMPLE, SAMAYAPURAM, TRICHIRAPPALLI DISTRICT - 621 112.
Telephone No.0431 - 2670460 E-Mail : symmariamman@gmail.com

Ref No. 12966/1431/C4 **Public Auction / Tender Notice** Dated : 11.07.2022

Public Auction / Tender for the collection of tonsured hair of devotees of Arulmighu Mariamman Temple Samayapuram, and its sub temple Arulmighu Adhi Mariamman Temple, Inam Samayapuram, Trichirappalli District, Tamilnadu, for Fasali 1432 **(06.08.2022 to 30.08.2023)** will conduct on **29.07.2022 at 01.30 pm** in Mariamman Mandapam, First floor in Master plan complex Samayapuram as follows

1	Cost of Tender Form	Rs.500/- (Not Refundable) Enclose Demand draft for Rs. 500/- in favour of **"The Joint Commissioner / Executive Officer Arulmighu Mariamman Temple, Samayapuram, Trichy"** with the downloaded schedule copy towards the cost of tender form.
2	Auction /Tender Deposit amount	Rs. 50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Only)
3	Date of issue of Tender forms	13.07.2022 to 28.07.2022 (Between 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM office working days)
4	Last date for submission of Tender	28.07.2022 till 01.00 PM
5	Date of Public Auction	29.07.2022 01.30 PM
6	Date and Time of opening the Tender	After Public Auction Tender Opening
7	Place of Auction / Tender opening	Mariamman Mandapam First floor (Master Plan Complex) Samayapuram.

Tender forms and Auction/ Tender conditions can be had from the temple office during office hours and also from the following website. **https://samayapurammariamman.hrce.tn.gov.in**

DIPR/ 2349 /TENDER/2022 S.Kalyani,M.L.,
Joint Commissioner/Executive Officer/ Fit Person.

IN BRIEF

Udaipur murder accused sent to NIA custody

JAIPUR

A special CBI court, designated as the NIA court, here on Tuesday sent three accused in the Udaipur-based tailor Kanhaiya Lal's murder case to further NIA custody till July 16. Four others were remanded in judicial custody till August 1. All the seven accused were produced in the court amid heavy security.

CBI files case against Lakshadweep MP

NEW DELHI

The CBI has registered a case against Lakshadweep MP Mohammed Faizal, his nephew and others for alleged irregularities in the export of dry tuna to a Sri Lankan company. About 287 tonnes of dry tuna were collected through the cooperative societies from fishermen with an assurance of higher prices from a foreign buyer. The project did not materialise causing a loss of about ₹9 crore. The alleged anomalies came to light during a surprise check.

LOC on Chinese national involved in loan app scam

BHUBANESWAR

The Bureau of Immigration has issued a look out circular (LOC) against Liu Yi, a Chinese national, for his alleged involvement in running an illegal digital loan mobile app case in India. Mr. Liu is the main accused in the case that is being investigated by the Economic Offences Wing (EOW), Bhubaneswar, which requested the Bureau of Immigration to issue the LOC against the accused. The EOW said that he started his illegal business in India in 2019 from Bengaluru, while his parent company was Jianbing Technology, which is based out of Hangzhou in China.

Centre has no new data on child labour

The numbers drought arose after the NCLP was merged with the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan in 2016

A.M. JIGEESH
NEW DELHI

The Centre does not have any data on child labour in the country and a reason for this is the drying up of budgetary provisions meant for the National Child Labour Project (NCLP), which had been monitoring the issue for about three decades.

The Labour Ministry is learnt to have told the Parliament Standing Committee on Labour, headed by veteran Biju Janata Dal (BJD) MP Bhartruhari Mahtab, that since the NCLP was merged with the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan in 2016, the Ministry has no records of child labour. The currently available data is of the 2011 Census, which says the country has more than a million child labourers.

Last year, the panel had pulled up the Centre for lack of data on migrant workers.

Data paucity: The currently available data on child labour is from the 2011 Census. •GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

Searching for proper data on child labour, the Standing Committee reached out to 14 Union Ministries and Departments, including the Home Ministry, Women and Child Development Ministry and several States.

"Almost all the Ministries have told us that they do not have any data. The Labour Ministry says that we may have to wait till the next census to make an assessment of the number. The NCLP's schools for child labourers work for three to four years and they have also more or less stopped functioning due to scarcity of funds. Education Ministry also does not have a mechanism to find out the number of children engaged in child labour. This is a serious situation," a senior member in the panel said. It is for the first time that a parliamentary panel is engaged in a detailed examination of the national policy on child labour. The member said though we have legislation, the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, since 1986 the menace of child labour is continue unchecked.

"We have received some empirical reports by certain NGOs that child labour has increased after the pandemic. We are specifically looking into this issue. It means, children are more vulnerable now and lack of data will hamper any efforts to help them," the member said.

On Tuesday, NGOs such as Bachpan Bachao Andolan, Aide et Action, Childline India Foundation, Prayas Juvenile Aid Centre, Save the Children and SOS Children Villages appeared before the panel on the issue.

"The NGOs also do not have any proper assessment of the number of children in labour. The Home Ministry had earlier made a detailed presentation on issues such as child trafficking, but they also do not track if any children are employed in work places," another member said.

On Wednesday, the governments of Delhi, Rajasthan, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Assam, Jharkhand and Tamil Nadu will brief the panel about the situation in their States.

Concern over upkeep of public buildings

CPWD lagging in maintenance: Joshi

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Housing and Urban Affairs Secretary Manoj Joshi on Tuesday raised concern over the maintenance of government buildings by the Central Public Works Department (CPWD), saying all buildings could not be demolished and remade.

Addressing the CPWD's 168th annual day event, Mr. Joshi said the construction agency had improved over the past 10 years and was now the "first choice" for government departments to carry out works. However, he said the CPWD was lagging in upkeep and maintenance. He said the maintenance of a "large number of government buildings" was "not professional compared to what you see around the world". "It's not as if present O&M [operations and maintenance] is costing us less. It is costing us a lot. You can't demolish and reconstruct each and every building," Mr. Joshi said.

He said there was a need for modern management practices and "efficient cost-effective management" of buildings. The second issue he flagged was the poor quality of contractors. He said a large number of contractors faced cash flow problems, leading to delays.

Later, in his address to the crowd of CPWD officials, Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Puri said he agreed with Mr. Joshi. Mr. Puri said requests for changing the quality-related parameters in a project were a challenge.

Stir by Go First technicians spreads

110 cabin crew members also call in sick to protest against delayed salary

JAGRITI CHANDRA
NEW DELHI

On Day 3 of "mass sick leave" by Go First aircraft technicians, the protest has spread to at least 14 stations. Nearly, 110 members of the cabin crew have also called in sick.

Go First's technicians in Bengaluru, Pune, Port Blair, Kannur, Nagpur, Chandigarh, Ranchi, Jaipur, Ahmedabad, Goa, Hyderabad and Kolkata have joined the protest. Sources say that at most of these stations, nearly 90% of the technicians have joined the agitation, while in Kolkata, nearly 50% have joined.

The stir started on Sunday evening, with technicians in Delhi staying away from work. On Monday, they were joined by technicians from Mumbai and Bengaluru as well as 70 cabin crew members calling in sick, said sources. The airline has, however, denied that cabin crew members went on sick leave, too. Their anger is over low salaries, particularly after not being paid for nearly 18 months by the airline. A technician earns a monthly salary of ₹19,403, and a senior technician earns ₹22,098.

Many complaints: Go First technicians are protesting against low wages and delay in payment of salary. •FILE PHOTO

IndiGo situation

Meanwhile, at IndiGo, where too the technicians are on a mass sick leave since Friday, the management's olive branch has failed to convince the protesters.

At IndiGo, too, a technician earns between ₹18,000 and ₹20,000 and the demand is for better pay especially since there has been no raise for three or four years and many suffered a steep pay cut during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pilots seethe at SpiceJet's PF lapses

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

At a time when low-cost carrier SpiceJet is under the Director General of Civil Aviation's (DGCA) scanner for degradation of safety standards due to a financial crunch, its pilots are furious over the airline's failure to deposit their provident fund contribution since 2020 despite continuing pay cuts.

Sources among pilots said the airline has failed to pay employees' and employers' contributions towards the scheme for pilots since April 2020, and for first officers (junior pilots) since September 2021.

SII to launch vaccine to prevent cervical cancer

DGCI grants approval for manufacture

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Serum Institute of India CEO Adar Poonawalla on Tuesday said the company plans to launch its indigenously developed vaccine to prevent cervical cancer in women later this year.

The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) on Tuesday granted market authorisation to Serum Institute of India (SII) to manufacture the indigenously developed India's first Quadrivalent Human Papillomavirus vaccine (qHPV) against cervical cancer.

In response to the approval by the drug regulator, Mr. Poonawalla in a tweet said, "For the first time, there will be an Indian HPV vaccine to treat cervical cancer in women that is both affordable and accessible. We look forward to launching it later this year."

The approval by the drug regulator of SII's anti-cancer vaccine follows recommendation by the Subject Expert Committee (SEC) of the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization on COVID-19 vaccine on June 15, 2021.

Cervical cancer in India ranks as the second-most frequent cancer among women between 15 and 44 years of age.

Railways to check call records of loco pilots

Move to ensure that they do not use mobile phones on duty, endangering safety

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CHENNAI

With the number of incidents of "signal passing at danger (jumping red signal)" increasing across the country, the Indian Railways has decided to check the call detail records of loco pilots to ensure they had not used their phones while on duty.

To prevent such incidents, the Railway Board has issued an advisory asking the General Managers of all Zonal Railways to ensure that loco pilots followed the safety protocols.

The Railways has asked loco pilots to follow the safety protocols, pointing out the rising trend of signal jumping.

Advisory issued

While reiterating the rule that mobile phones should be kept switched off mode and not used during run, the advisory authorised the authorities to analyse frequently the call details records of the closed user group (CUG) numbers of loco pilots and assistant loco pilots.

Asking loco pilots to conduct brake continuity and brake feel test under the procedure laid down, the advisory urged the assistant loco pilots not to hesitate to apply emergency brakes in case they found anything unusual on the alertness of the loco pilot. Loco pilots were told not to use walkie-talkies to get information about signals from the stationmaster. They should slow down the train in case of caution orders and not run presuming the aspect of the next signal.

Emphasising the need for conducting surprise inspections by senior railway officials, the advisory directed the signal sighting committee to ensure clear visibility of the signal at all times.

According to railway sources, a recent analysis of reasons for signal jumping revealed that there was no specific reason for the increasing trend. Most incidents happened from a momentary loss of concentration, lack of alertness, negligence, assumption of the signal aspect and overconfidence.

Going by age-wise analysis, crew in the age group of 46 and above were mostly found to be involved, the sources said.

India, Brazil Navies may collaborate soon

Both countries to come together for maintenance of Scorpene submarines

DINAKAR PERI
NEW DELHI

The Navies of India and Brazil, both of which operate the French Scorpene class submarines, are exploring options for collaboration towards maintenance of the diesel-electric attack submarines, the Navy said on Tuesday. A Brazilian Navy delegation was at the Western Naval Command in Mumbai, where this issue was extensively discussed.

"Yes, discussions are under way between the two sides. It is an area both sides want to explore," diplomatic sources told *The Hindu*.

Both India and Brazil operate the French Scorpene class submarines. •FILE PHOTO

Common interest

The Brazilian Navy delegation led by Vice Admiral Liberal Enio Zanelatto, Director of Industrial Production and Engineering, called on Vice-Admiral Ajendra Bahadur Singh, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command.

"The two senior officers discussed various issues of common interest, including defence and submarine technology, 'Make in India', initiatives towards professional cooperation between the Navies, and the outlook of the Indian Navy towards shared maritime interests with all like-minded Navies/nations," the Navy said in a statement.

During the two-day visit, the Brazilian delegation held "extensive discussions" with the Indian counterparts with focus on "maintenance of submarines", the Navy said, adding that the delegation also visited Mazagon Docks Shipbuilders Ltd. and a Kalvari (Scorpene) class submarine of the Indian Navy.

India has inducted four of the six Scorpene submarines contracted from France, being manufactured locally with assistance from Naval Group. The 5th submarine is in advanced stages of sea trials while the last one was recently launched into water and is expected to join the Navy by the middle of next year.

The Brazilian Navy also operates four Scorpene class submarines and is currently in the process of building a nuclear attack submarine (SSN) with assistance from France. India, which has leased SSNs in the past from Russia, is in the process of indigenously building SSNs while it already operates nuclear ballistic submarines (SSBN).

Brazil previously entered into negotiations with the International Atomic Energy Agency over safeguards for the use of nuclear fuel for the submarine program.

TH CROSSWORD + 13607

(set by KrisKross)

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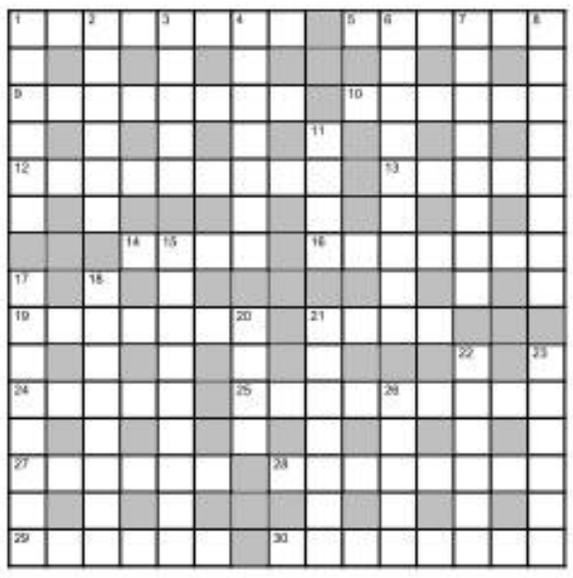

Across

1 Cameraman initially taped an extraordinarily lively performance (3,5)
5 Like an ancient king, ultimately wise and shrewd (6)
9 About to deliver... ball breaks bail – run out! (2,6)
10 Makes a point, followed by another, in opposition (6)
12 Hot American sweetheart pocketing millions as bribe (4,5)
13 Everyone in line for a demonstration (5)
14 Experienced gymnast, internally tense (4)
16 Vision of hotel in America, most exotic (7)
19 Ugly sight of fine soldiers controlled by drugs (7)
21 Bank is incapable (4)
24 Recurring theme in bulletin: "Leader exiting in revolt" (5)
25 It is difficult to do a bit of Lamaze wearing tight leotard, right? (4,5)
27 Actor finally to leave in mismanaged show (6)
28 Arrived carrying one very long undergarment (8)
29 States having extremely peculiar showers (6)
30 Openers outside Eton ground get tonics (8)

Down

1 Body parts amputated in the middle by renowned Head of Surgery (6)
2 Perfect language (6)
3 It contains memories of article left behind (5)
4 Charley shed regressive desire for spicy food (7)
6 King grieves on uncontrollably (9)
7 In Paris, a governor locks up institute that is more disorderly (8)
8 New name to describe extremely ordinary person (8)
11 Agreement to collapse say (4)
15 Camel roamed around parts having no water (9)
17 Choppers that do water landing at night (8)
18 Possibly Venus' arm? (8)
20 Newts have stiff but lustrous tails (4)
21 Pass delayed order (7)
22 Skilled in serving up roti or dal (6)
23 Say Achilles, Helen and Romeo welcomed by techies (6)
26 Group of stars about to go around beach city (5)

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Solution to puzzle 13606

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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7	1	9	2	5	6	3	4	8
9	7	8	1	2	5	6	3	4
2	5	6	4	3	9	8	1	7
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FAITH

Garuda as messenger

Rukmini had heard about Krishna from the scholars who visited her father's kingdom, and had come to the conclusion that she should marry Krishna, said V.S. Karunakarachariar in a discourse. But her brothers made arrangements to get her married to Sisuspala. The day of the wedding was at hand and Rukmini had to send word to Krishna to come and take her away. She had to choose a trustworthy person to take her letter to Krishna. There was a scholar who had visited Vidarbha many times, and Rukmini knew he would be the best person to convey her letter to Krishna. This matter of Rukmini choosing the right person is to remind us that we too must seek a good Acharya to help us reach the feet of the Supreme One.

Rukmini's messenger reached Dwaraka the same day, and handed over Rukmini's letter to Krishna. But how did he traverse hundreds of miles in one day? We are not told the name of this Brahmin. The word dvija is used to indicate it was a Brahmin. But the word dvija has other meanings too. One meaning is bird. A bird has two births, first when the mother bird lays an egg, and later when the egg hatches. Teeth are also called dvija, because we first have milk teeth, which fall off and then we get a set of permanent teeth.

In the context of Rukmini's story, if we take the word dvija to also mean a bird, then it is easy to see how the Brahmin chosen by her covered a huge distance easily. This Brahmin was none other than Garuda. Hanuman discovered where Sita was and took a message from her to Rama, and was embraced by the joyful Rama. Garuda had served Him since time immemorial, and yet he had not been praised as a messenger of the Lord. So he made up for it in the Krishna avatara by bearing a message from Rukmini to Krishna.

Sri Lankan MPs to elect new President

There is no consensus yet on who will take over as PM and fill the Cabinet as the crisis continues

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COLOMBO

Sri Lanka's lawmakers agreed to elect a new President next week but struggled on Tuesday to decide on the makeup of a new government to lift the bankrupt country out of economic and political collapse.

Suffering from severe shortages of food, fuel and medicine, protesters on Saturday stormed embattled President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's home, his seaside office and the official residence of his Prime Minister in the most dramatic day of a three-month crisis.

Call for change: A man waving Sri Lanka's flag near the Presidential Secretariat in Colombo on Tuesday. •AFP

Promised resignations

Mr. Rajapaksa promised to step down on Wednesday, while Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe said he would leave once a new government was in place.

The promised resignations brought no end to the crisis – and the protesters have vowed to occupy the official buildings until their top leaders are gone. For days, people have flocked to the presidential palace almost as if it were a tourist attraction – swimming in the pool, marvelling at the paintings and lounging on the beds piled high with pillows. At one point, they also burned the Prime Minister's private home.

While lawmakers agreed late on Monday to elect a new President from their ranks on July 20, they have not yet decided who will take over as Prime Minister and fill the Cabinet.

The new President will serve the remainder of Mr. Rajapaksa's term, which ends in 2024 – and could potentially appoint a new Prime Minister, who would then have to be approved by Parliament.

Between Mr. Rajapaksa's expected resignation on Wednesday and the vote, the Prime Minster will serve as President.

IMF bailout

The political impasse is further fuelling the economic crisis since the absence of an alternative unity government threatened to delay a hoped-for bailout from the International Monetary Fund. The government must submit a plan on debt sustainability to the IMF in August before reaching an agreement.

In the meantime, the country is relying on aid from neighbouring India and from China.

Asked whether China was in talks with Sri Lanka about possible loans, a Chinese Foreign Ministry official gave no indication whether such discussions were happening.

"China will continue to offer assistance as our capability allows for Sri Lanka's social development and economic recovery," said the spokesman, Wang Wenbin. "As to its debt to China, we support relevant financial institutions in finding a proper solution through consultation with Sri Lanka."

On Tuesday, Sri Lanka's religious leaders urged protesters to leave the government buildings they're occupying if Mr. Rajapaksa resigns on Wednesday. The protesters have vowed to wait until both Mr. Rajapaksa and Mr. Wickremesinghe are out of office.

Sunak holds first campaign event, defends Boris Johnson

He says he won't seek to 'demonise' the Prime Minister

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN
LONDON

A week after he resigned from Boris Johnson's Cabinet, Rishi Sunak, former British Chancellor of the Exchequer, defended the Prime Minister, at an event to launch his own campaign for the job. Mr. Sunak, who is of Indian descent, is considered the front runner in the race, which currently has ten Tories vying to lead Britain as well as the Conservative Party, after Mr. Johnson announced last Thursday that he would be stepping down.

New beginning: Rishi Sunak at the launch of his campaign in London to be the Conservative Party leader and PM. •AP

"As candidates to replace him, we owe it to the British people who elected Boris as Prime Minister in 2019, to explain why he is leaving office," Mr. Sunak said, adding that there was something wrong with a process that sees a sitting Prime Minister replaced, with those replacing him pulling "the curtains and act like it's nobody's business but theirs".

Mr. Sunak said Mr. Johnson was one of "the most remarkable" people he had met and that he would not participate in the rewriting of a history seeking to "demonise Boris", exaggerating his faults.

Breaking rules

Mr. Sunak, like his former boss, was criticised and fined for breaking pandemic lockdown rules to attend Mr. Johnson's birthday party in Downing Street in June 2020. The former Chancellor, who is married to Akshata Murthy, daughter of Infosys founder N.R. Narayana Murthy, was also in the spotlight because his wife had saved on paying tax on her foreign income, as an expat living in Britain.

He was also criticised for holding on to his U.S. 'green card', despite being a public servant in the U.K.

Nominations for the leadership role of the Conservative party and the position of Prime Minister are open on Tuesday alone, with each of the 10 candidates needing the support of 20 of their MP colleagues to make it to the next round. Conservative Party members will ultimately pick from two candidates, with results expected on September 5.

Mr. Sunak got several endorsements on Tuesday: he was introduced by Deputy Prime Minister and Justice Secretary Dominic Raab at his event. Transport Secretary Grant Shapp, who was earlier in the running, withdrew from the race and was also present the campaign event. Former Health Secretary Matt Hancock also announced that he is supporting the former Chancellor.

Trade Minister Penny Mordaunt was in second place in the race, as of Tuesday, with the backing of 22 MPs. Foreign Secretary Liz Truss also bagged a few endorsements, including the backing of Johnson allies, Brexit Minister Jacob Rees-Mogg and Culture Secretary Nadine Dorries as well as Education Secretary James Cleverly.

Home Secretary Preeti Patel, architect of a controversial policy of relocating refugees arriving in Britain to Rwanda, said on Tuesday that she would not be in the race.

Central to Mr. Sunak's campaign is getting the U.K. economy on a better footing. He said on Tuesday he planned to steer the economy through the "headwinds" it was facing. Inflation is expected to hit 11% this year, as per the Bank of England, although it is expected to ease in 2023. Mr. Sunak said he would cut taxes once inflation was under control.

"It is a question of when not if," he said.

Mr. Sunak also committed, on Tuesday, to stick to Mr. Johnson's pledge to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), that the U.K. would increase its defence spending to 2.5% of GDP by 2030 (i.e., above NATO's annual target of 2%). He said the NATO guideline was a "floor and not a ceiling" and that his approach to defence spending would be "threat based".

As the Tories sort through their candidates to find a leader, Labour will table a no confidence motion in the British Parliament on Wednesday – a move to prevent Mr. Johnson from continuing in Downing Street until September 5. If the move succeeds, the country could be heading for a general election.

Putin to head to Tehran for Syria talks

Russia, Turkey and Iran have been holding discussions to end more than 11 years of conflict in Syria

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MOSCOW

Russian President Vladimir Putin will visit Iran next week, the Kremlin said on Tuesday, a day after the U.S. warned that Tehran could provide Moscow with drones for its action in Ukraine.

During a trip to Tehran next Tuesday, Mr. Putin will attend a trilateral meeting with the leaders of Iran and Turkey, the so-called Astana format of meetings for Syria-related talks, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.

Mr. Putin's visit to Iran will follow U.S. President Joe Biden's trip to Israel and Saudi Arabia this week, where Iran's nuclear programme will be a key focus of discussion.

Mr. Peskov said the Russian President will also have a separate meeting with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

In March, Mr. Erdogan helped mediate talks between Russian and Ukrainian representatives in Istanbul, Turkey. Mr. Peskov said there was no discussion about a new round of such negotiations.

UAVs for 'use' in Ukraine

The White House said on Monday that it believes that Russia is turning to Iran to provide it with "hundreds" of drones, including those capable of carrying weapons, for use in Ukraine.

U.S. National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan said it was unclear whether Iran had already provided any of the vehicles to Russia, but said the U.S. has "information" that indicates Iran is preparing to train Russian forces to use them as soon as this month.

"Our information indicates that the Iranian government is preparing to provide Russia with up to several hundred UAVs, including weapons-capable UAVs on an expedited timeline," Mr. Sullivan told reporters on Monday, referring to drones by the acronym for unmanned aerial vehicles.

Iranian Foreign Minister spokesman Nasser Kanaani did not deny the U.S. claim.

"Iran's cooperation with Russia in some sophisticated technologies dates to before the Russia-Ukraine war," he said.

Iran long has worked on the development of drones, including so-called loitering munitions, the "kamikaze" drones.

U.S. drone strike kills Islamic State Syria chief: Pentagon

Strike takes a key terrorist off the field, degrades IS: Biden

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
WASHINGTON

A man who U.S. officials called the leader of the Islamic State militant group in Syria was killed on Tuesday in a drone strike, the Pentagon and local organisations said.

Maher al-Agal was killed near Jindires in northern Syria, and one of his top aides was seriously injured in the attack, Pentagon Central Command spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Dave Eastburn said.

The volunteer Syrian Civil Defence Force said the attack targeted the two while they were on a motorcycle outside Aleppo.

President Joe Biden said the strike "takes a key terrorist off the field and significantly degrades the ability of ISIS to plan, resource, and conduct their operations in the region."

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights confirmed Agal's death and said he was the Islamic State governor for the Levant region.

The U.S. Central Command called the victim "one of the top five" leaders of Islamic State overall.

"In addition to being a senior leader within the group, Al-Agal was responsible for aggressively pursuing the development of IS networks outside of Iraq and Syria," it said in a statement.

According to a spokesman for the Kurdish Syrian Democratic Forces, both the men had links to Ahrar al-Sharqiya, an armed group operating in northern Syria.

U.K. troops shot down unarmed Afghans: report

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LONDON

Commandos in Britain's elite Special Air Service (SAS) corps killed at least 54 Afghans in suspicious circumstances but the military chain of command concealed concerns, a BBC probe revealed on Tuesday.

Unarmed Afghan men were routinely shot dead "in cold blood" by SAS troops during night-time raids, and weapons were planted on them to justify the crimes, the probe found.

Senior officers, including General Mark Carleton-Smith, who headed U.K. Special Forces at the time, were aware of concerns within the SAS about the operations but failed to report them, it said.

Under U.K. law, it is a criminal offence for a commanding officer to fail to inform the military police if they become aware of potential war crimes, it noted.

The Ministry of Defence said prior probe into the conduct of U.K. forces in Afghanistan found insufficient evidence to bring charges. "No new evidence has been presented, but the service police will consider any allegations should new evidence come to light," it said in a statement to the BBC.

Japan bids farewell to Abe

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TOKYO

Japanese bid their final goodbye to former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Tuesday as his funeral was held at a temple days after his assassination.

Hundreds of people gathered outside the Zojoji temple in Tokyo to bid farewell to Abe.

An image of the Southern Ring Nebula from NASA's James Webb Space Telescope. •REUTERS/NASA

NASA telescope dives deep into the universe

James Webb telescope captures images

REUTERS
GREENBELT

NASA on Tuesday unveiled images from the James Webb Space Telescope, the largest and most powerful orbital observatory ever launched.

The pictures, designed to peer farther than before with greater clarity to the dawn of the universe, were hailed by NASA as milestone marking a new era of astronomical exploration.

Nearly two decades in the making, the $9 billion infrared telescope was launched on December 25, 2021. It reached its destination in solar orbit nearly 1 million miles from Earth a month later.

The crowning debut image, previewed on Monday by U.S. President Biden at the White House but displayed with greater fanfare on Tuesday, was a "deep field" photo of a distant galaxy cluster, SMACS 0723, revealing the most detailed glimpse of the early universe recorded to date.

Among the other Webb subjects were two enormous clouds of gas and dust blasted into space by stellar explosions to form incubators for new stars – the Carina Nebula and the Southern Ring Nebula, each thousands of light years away from Earth. The collection also included fresh images of another galaxy cluster known as Stephan's Quintet, first discovered in 1877.

Comply with sea ruling, U.S. tells China

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MANILA

U. S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken renewed a call to China to comply with a 2016 arbitration ruling that invalidated Beijing's claims in the South China Sea. He warned that Washington is obligated to defend treaty ally Philippines if its forces, vessels or aircraft come under attack in the disputed waters.

China did not participate in the arbitration, rejected its ruling as a sham.

China shuts city over one COVID case

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
BEIJING

Hundreds of thousands of people were placed under lockdown in a Chinese city on Tuesday after just one case of COVID-19 was detected, as Beijing's strict no-tolerance virus strategy showed no sign of abating.

The steel-making hub of Wugang, with a population of 3,20,000, announced that it would implement three days of "closed control" for disease prevention.

Government of Tamil Nadu
State Rural Roads Development Agency
PMGSY III (2021-22) Batch I Road Works

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(Through e-Procurement Portal only) (Two Cover System)

The Executive Engineer, Jayanagara Division invites the tenders from the eligible tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value of work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Comprehensive Development of Roads and Improvements to road side drains, footpaths, asphalting and concreting roads in Ward No. 168 and 169 of Jayanagara Constituency **(Package 01).**	1050.00	Rs. 1.00 Lakh through e-procurement & Rs. 14.00 Lakhs through BG.
2	Comprehensive Development of Roads and Improvements to road side drains, footpaths, asphalting and concreting roads in Ward No. 170 and 171 of Jayanagara Constituency **(Package 02).**	1600.00	Rs. 1.00 Lakh through e-procurement & Rs. 15.00 Lakhs through BG.
3	Comprehensive Development of Roads and Improvements to road side drains, footpaths, asphalting and concreting roads in Ward No. 177,178 and 179 of Jayanagara Constituency **(Package 03).**	1150.00	Rs. 1.00 Lakh through e-procurement & Rs. 14.00 Lakhs through BG.

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from GoK e-procurement portal **from 13.07.2022 onwards. 2)** Pre-bid Meeting : **19.07.2022 at 4.00 p.m. 3)** Last date for uploading the of tender documents: **22.07.2022 upto 4.00 p.m. 4)** Opening of Technical bids: **25.07.2022 at 4.00 p.m.** Further details can be accessed from GoK e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka. gov.in** or contact e-procurement Helpdesk : 080-22441076 or contact the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Jayanagara Division.

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Vijayanagara Division, 3rd Main Road, 1st Floor, Shasakara Bhavana, Vijayanagara, Bengaluru - 560 040.
No: EE(VJN)/AE/TEND/06/2022-23 Date: 11.07.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two Cover & Single Cover) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer (Vijayanagara), BBMP, Bangalore invites tenders from eligible contractors registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES or any State Government Organisations for the construction of work detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Approx. value of work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Declaration
	(TWO COVER SYSTEM (KW-3 & 4)		
1	Comprehensive development of Ambedkar Bhavan in Ward No.158 & Construction of Additional 2nd, 3rd floor on existing Commercial Complex in Chandra Layout in Ward No.132 Annexure-6, Sl 10,9 (3rd Call)	**800.00**	8,00,000/-
	(SINGLE COVER SYSTEM (KW-1 & 2)		
2	Providing asphalting to 24th Cross, 7th A Main in Ward No. 122 (3rd Call)	**20.00**	50,000/-
3	Providing transformer to BBMP Palikebazaar at Vijayanagar in Ward No.123 (Approved original estimate for construction of Air-conditioned hitech palike bazaar in Ward No. 123 Vijayanagar).	**50.00**	1,00,000/-
4	Providing RO Plant in Basaveshwara layout in Ward No.132.	**15.00**	37,500/-
5	Providing RO Plant in Viewers layout in Ward No.132.	**15.00**	37,500/-
6	Providing Drinking water works in Ward No.133 in Vijayangara Division.	**13.00**	9,975/-
7	Sub estimate for Emergency Works in Ward No.158 (Drain Improvements to 7th Cross Veerabhadranagar)	**4.58**	11,450/-
8	Sub estimate for Improvements to drains in 6th cross Veerabhadranagar) in Ward No.158.	**3.99**	9,975/-
9	Providing asphalting to Ranganatha colony 1st Main & surrounding areas in Ward No.158. (4th Call)	**30.00**	60,000/-

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender documents may be downloaded from e-Procurement website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from **18.07.2022 onwards.** 2) Pre-bid meeting will be held on **21.07.2022 at 15:00 hrs.** in the Office of the Executive Engineer (Vijayanagar), BBMP, 1st Floor, Shasakara Bhavana, 3rd Main, Vijayanagara, Bengaluru - 560 040. 3) Last date and time for submission of tenders: **27-07-2022 upto 16:00 hrs.** 4) Technical Bids for Two Cover system and Financial Bids for Single Cover system will be opened on **28-07-2022 at 16:30 hrs.**

Further details can be had from the office of the above during office hours on all working days or visit e-Procurement portal website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in and bbmp website: www.bbmp.online.org**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Vijayangara Division, BBMP

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MARKET WATCH

	12-07-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	53,887	-0.94
US Dollar	79.59	-0.17
Gold	50,581	0.03
Brent oil	99.77	-6.28

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	731.90	2.70
Apollo Hosp	3929.70	-3.55
Asian Paints	2893.20	-39.85
Axis Bank	676.20	-3.65
Bajaj Auto	3847.85	-0.70
Bajaj Finserv	11864.75	-73.40
Bajaj Finance	5873.55	12.05
Bharti Airtel	663.00	2.45
BPCL	308.65	-7.25
Britannia Ind	3725.50	-69.90
Cipla	935.75	-11.80
Coal India	193.90	0.55
Divis Lab	3687.45	-46.65
Dr Reddys Lab	4483.70	-17.10
Eicher Motors	2954.05	-92.80
Grasim Ind	1380.05	-25.95
HCL Tech	927.80	-15.75
HDFC	2226.90	-22.60
HDFC Bank	1391.80	-14.35
HDFC Life	539.75	-6.90
Hero MotoCorp	2875.50	7.40
Hindalco	346.90	-9.30
Hind Unilever	2449.55	-41.05
ICICI Bank	759.90	-9.60
Indusind Bank	847.05	-11.30
Infosys	1438.60	-34.55
ITC	292.70	-2.30
JSW Steel	574.45	-2.85
Kotak Bank	1718.95	-22.30
L&T	1653.75	-9.25
M&M	1146.65	-18.40
Maruti Suzuki	8419.70	-87.95
Nestle India Ltd.	18125.15	-364.25
NTPC	147.10	2.30
ONGC	124.10	-1.40
PowerGrid Corp	213.50	-3.55
Reliance Ind	2420.45	-3.45
SBI Life	1139.75	-7.65
State Bank	484.95	-3.25
Shree Cement	19962.10	107.95
Sun Pharma	851.60	-5.65
Tata Consumer Products Ltd	756.45	-9.45
Tata Motors	430.55	-6.50
Tata Steel	902.10	-10.65
TCS	3084.70	-29.10
Tech Mahindra	997.35	-10.20
Titan	2130.00	-33.60
UltraTech Cement	5778.85	-75.40
UPL	680.20	-10.60
Wipro	409.15	-2.05

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on July 12

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	79.40	79.72
Euro	79.57	79.92
British Pound	94.07	94.45
Japanese Yen (100)	57.99	58.23
Chinese Yuan	11.81	11.86
Swiss Franc	80.62	80.95
Singapore Dollar	56.43	56.66
Canadian Dollar	60.99	61.24
Malaysian Ringitt	17.89	17.97
Australian Dollar	53.50	53.71

Source:Indian Bank

Industrial output jumps 19.6%

May IIP logs fastest growth in 12 months led by consumer durables, capital goods

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

India's industrial output grew 19.6% in May, the fastest pace of growth in 12 months, with overall production rising 2.3% from April, and surpassing the pre-pandemic level by 1.7%.

The National Statistical Office (NSO), which released the provisional Index of Industrial Production (IIP) figures on Tuesday, also revised the index for April based on updated data, lowering growth to 6.7% from the 7.1% estimated earlier.

This was the first time in nine months that IIP growth outpaced the growth of core sectors, observed ICRA chief economist Aditi Nayar, noting that manufacturing and electricity had led the surge.

Consumer durables production, which had turned positive in April after six months of contraction, zoomed 58.5% in May, followed by capital goods which registered 54.5% growth.

Primary goods, infrastructure/construction items as well as intermediate goods, each clocked about 18% growth in output. However, growth in consumer non-durables' production slowed sharply to 0.9%.

"While the May growth figures have been pushed up by a favourable base, a sequential improvement across most categories is encouraging," said CARE Ratings chief economist Rajani Sinha. "Manufacturing continues to show improvement, but the continued weakness in the consumer non-durables segment is concerning," she added.

"Relative to the pre-COVID level of May 2019, the performance was decidedly mixed, with capital goods, consumer durables and consumer non-durables trailing, and primary goods, infrastructure goods and intermediate goods posting a rise in May 2022," ICRA's Ms. Nayar pointed out.

The rating agency expects IIP growth to moderate to a range of 11%-13% in June, before slipping back to single digit growth in the second quarter, as the base effect of impaired output from the deadly second COVID-19 wave last year dissipates.

Base buoys: While a favourable base lifted growth, a broad sequential improvement is encouraging, says Sinha. • R. RAGU

Impact of inflation on India's poor negligible: Sitharaman

FM cites UNDP report, says govt.'s welfare schemes effective

VIKAS DHOOT
NEW DELHI

The impact of inflation on India's poor would be negligible as per a United Nations Development Programme report on 'Addressing the Cost of Living Crisis in Developing Countries', which also looked at the ripple effects of the Russia-Ukraine war such as energy and food market disruptions.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman cited the UNDP's conclusions in the report to emphasise that India's 'well-tailored' programmes carried out over the past two years to support people and ensure they don't run the risk of slipping into poverty seemed to have made an impact. While soaring food and energy prices could push up to 71 million people around the world into poverty, the UNDP said in the report that the chances of those in India earning $1.9 a day slipping into poverty due to this upturn would be zero, while the impact would be a mere 0.02% and 0.04% if a poverty line of $3.30 or $5.50 a day was assumed, respectively.

Nirmala Sitharaman

"A recent comparative assessment of price and income support measures shows that targeted transfers... helps poorer households cope with price spikes," it noted.

The Centre has allocated more than 1,000 lakh tonnes of foodgrains from April 2020 till September this year, over and above the food security quota and had provided support of ₹1,500 to 20 crore women Jan Dhan account holders in the first three months of the pandemic, the Minister said.

'Exports to see see fair level of growth in FY23'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

India's exports are likely to log a 'reasonable level' of growth in FY23 despite global uncertainties, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has said.

Clearly, there are signs of a global slowdown in international trade and India is keeping a 'watchful' eye on the developments by talking to all the export promotion councils and large exporters, and engaging with the Indian missions abroad, he said.

"Our exports will stand on the basis of price competitiveness and quality... we will calibrate the expectations of exports based on the ground reality," the Minister told PTI.

A meeting of economic minds

The Kautilya Economic Conclave organised by the Institute of Economic Growth and the Ministry of Finance brought together experts from 20 countries. They are seen here with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Oil slips on strong dollar, weak outlook

REUTERS
LONDON

Oil prices fell sharply on Tuesday on a strong dollar, demand-sapping COVID-19 curbs in top crude importer China and fears of a global economic slowdown.

Brent crude futures were down by $6.15, or 5.7%, at $100.95 a barrel by 1347 GMT. The euro lost ground on Tuesday, trading near parity with the dollar, while stock markets fell on the prospect of rising interest rates and worries over economies worldwide.

A stronger U.S. currency usually weighs on oil because it makes the dollar-priced commodity more expensive for holders of other currencies. Renewed COVID-19 mobility curbs in China were also weighing on prices, Commerzbank said.

Adani applies to take part in 5G spectrum auction

R-Jio, Bharti, VI too send applications

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Spectrum worth at least ₹4.3 lakh cr. will come up at the auction, which will begin on July 26

The Department of Telecom (DoT) on Tuesday said that it had received applications from Gautam Adani-led Adani Data Networks, as well as from established telcos – Reliance Jio Infocomm, Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea – to participate in the upcoming spectrum auctions.

A total of 72,097.85 MHz of spectrum worth at least ₹4.3 lakh crore will be put on the block during the auctions, set to commence on July 26. The DoT, however, added that the applications were being reviewed.

The Adani Group had last week confirmed its intent to participate in the 5G spectrum auction. It also clarified that it did not intend to enter the consumer mobility space but only sought to provide private network solutions.

Jefferies noted "Adani's intent to buy spectrum... only for private use has uncanny similarities to Jio's purchase of 2300MHz spectrum in 2010 that could not be used for voice services. Spectrum bought through auctions can be used to offer commercial services in the future by taking a Universal Access License."

'Banks may log ₹13,000-cr. hit on bonds'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

Rising bond yields will force banks to report mark-to-market losses of up to ₹13,000 crore on their investment portfolios in the April-June quarter, according to a report by ICRA.

Profits will moderate for the quarter, but improved loan growth and operating profits will ensure banks' bottom lines remain 'steady' for FY23, ICRA said.

"Despite these expected MTM losses, we expect the net profits of the banks to remain steady, given the expected growth of 11-12% in their core operating profits in FY23, which will more than offset the MTM losses," ICRA vice-president Anil Gupta said.

IN BRIEF

IOB raises rates on medium-term deposits

CHENNAI

Indian Overseas Bank has increased the interest rate on medium-term deposits by 5 bps (basis points) with effect from Tuesday. The interest rates offered under term deposits above one year to less than two years will be 5.45%, and for 444 days it will be 5.5%, the bank said in a statement. IOB has also increased the interest rate on NRE term deposits by 10 bps across all tenors.

ReNew Energy refinances $525 million worth bonds

MUMBAI

ReNew Energy Global Plc. said it has successfully refinanced its 2024 maturity dollar-denominated bonds with amortising project debt from an unnamed Indian non-bank financial company. ReNew had issued bonds worth $525 million in 2019, which were set to mature in 2024. "This refinancing has cut the bonds' INR interest cost by 200 basis points, with the interest rate fixed for three years," the firm said.

'Hotel margins may clock pre-COVID levels in FY23'

NEW DELHI

The hotel industry's revenues and margins are expected to return to pre-COVID levels in 2022-23 despite potential impact on demand in case of further waves of the pandemic, according to rating agency ICRA. Domestic leisure and transient travel would be the main demand drivers, although there would be a gradual recovery in business travel and foreign tourist arrivals, ICRA said in a statement. PTI

NSE cautions against assured return schemes

NEW DELHI

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on Tuesday cautioned investors against subscribing to any scheme or product offered by entities offering guaranteed returns in the stock market. This was after NSE noticed an entity Shares Bazaar Pvt Ltd. offering investment plans with assured returns. The entity is not registered either as a member or authorised person of any registered member of the NSE, it said. PTI

HCL Tech Q1 net rises 2.4% to ₹3,283 crore

Board approves dividend of ₹10

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

HCL Technologies reported a 2.4% growth in net profit to ₹3,283 crore for the first quarter ended June.

The IT firm maintained revenue guidance of 12% to 14% growth in constant currency terms on the back of a strong order pipeline.

The company posted an almost 17% year-on-year (y-o-y) growth in revenue to ₹23,464 crore.

"We have started FY23 on a strong note with a healthy performance in Q1," C. Vijayakumar, CEO and MD, said. "Our revenue growth this quarter came in at 2.7% sequentially and 15.6% y-o-y in constant currency."

Services business continued to deliver increasing growth trajectory, growing at 19% y-o-y, and 2.3% sequentially in constant currency, driven by digital engineering and digital application services.

HCL technologies also saw a strong recovery in its products and platform business, which grew 5.6% sequentially and 1.4% year-on-year in constant currency.

Prateek Aggarwal, CFO, added the board has approved a dividend of ₹10 per share in accordance with the capital allocation policy.

Attrition climbed to 23.8% versus 11.8% in April-June 2021 quarter.

Lodha sets up net zero urban accelerator

LALATENDU MISHRA
MUMBAI

Real estate developer Lodha, which is listed as Macrotech Developers Ltd., said it had set up a net zero urban accelerator at its township in Palava in the outskirts of Mumbai to enable itself and the realty sector to achieve zero emission goals ahead of the stipulated time.

The accelerator has been set up with the technical support of RMI.

The objective of the accelerator is to catalyse the adoption of sustainable practices in the Indian real estate sector.

Lodha, on its part, had committed to achieve carbon neutrality by 2035 and would invest $500 million to meet its goal, prior to the committed target, the firm's MD and CEO Abhishek Lodha said.

NMDC slashes iron ore prices by ₹500

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

India's largest iron ore producer NMDC has slashed the per-tonne prices of lump ore and fines by ₹500 each.

A reflection of steel demand, the latest change is in continuation of a downward revision in ore prices by the mining major since April. Effective July 12, the new price of lump ore is ₹3,900 for a tonne, while that of fines is ₹2,810 for the same quantity.

Compared with the April price of ₹6,100 for lump ore and ₹5,160 for the fines, the new rates are ₹2,200 and ₹2,350 lower, respectively. The company had previously changed the price on June 5 to ₹4,400 for lump ore and ₹3,310 for fines.

Godrej unveils cooling solutions to store insulin

The product can even store vaccines

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Godrej Appliances has introduced Godrej InsuliCool and Godrej InsuliCool+ cooling solutions for storage of insulin, tackling a major challenge faced by diabetics to store insulin at recommended temperatures.

"Commonly-used solutions like ice packs are not meant for insulin storage at all," the company said.

"Improper storage of insulin leading to lowering of its potency can lead to increasing dosage over time. Proper storage of insulin at the recommended temperature can go a significant way in managing diabetes, usually a long running condition in patients," Godrej added.

The product can also store temperature-sensitive vaccines and medicines at a precise temperature of between 2°- 8°C to retain their potency, the company said.

Nyrika Holkar

"We studied how the treatment of diabetes in India is suffering in the absence of optimal cooling solutions for insulin," said Nyrika Holkar, ED. "Our expertise in the medical cold chain enabled us to offer an innovative solution - the Godrej InsuliCool range."

NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY AUTHORITY
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TICEL BIOPARK, TARAMANI, CHENNAI - 600113.

Applications are invited for filling up the following post on **Deputation basis** from amongst employees of Central and State Governments.

Administrative Officer - Gr.A

in **Pay Matrix Level - 11 (Rs.67,700 - Rs.2,08,700)**

ELIGIBILITY: (a) 1. Holding analogous post on regular basis (OR) **2.** Holding post in the Pay Matrix Level-9 or equivalent on regular basis for at least five years (OR) **3.** Holding post in the Pay Matrix Level-7 or equivalent on regular basis for at least eight years and

(b) Having experience in the relevant field as well as in the administration.

Last date for receipt of applications: 45 days from the date of publication in Employment News dated 9th-15th July 2022.

For details, please visit **http://nbaindia.org**

TAMIL NADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LTD
Notice Inviting Tenders (E- Tendering Process)

Sl. No	Tender Inviting Authority	Specification No. and Description of works/Materials	Due date & time for Submission of e-Tender
1	CE/ MECH/ COAL	Coal (Ship) - 111 Dated 11.07.2022 , TIME CHARTERING OF ONE SELF TRIMMING SUPRAMAX GEARED VESSEL WITH THE LAYDAYS FROM 15th AUGUST 2022 to 20th AUGUST 2022 FOR 3 MONTHS +3 MONTHS CHOPTION +/-15 DAYS CHOPTION	26.07.2022 up to 14.30 Hours

The tender Specification can be down loaded from **websites, www.tangedco.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app** at free of cost. Tender will be opened through the NIC portal.

DPR / 3360 / TENDER / 2022 — CHIEF ENGINEER/MECHANICAL/COAL

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
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No. EE/SGN/Tend-09/Corrigendum-1/2022-23 Dated : 12-07-2022

CORRIGENDUM – 01

SUB : Regarding Notice Inviting Tenders (NIT) No.EE/SGN/E-Proc/TEND/09/2022-23 Dated : 06-07-2022.

This is for information of all concerned and intending contractors in particular that in the above tender notification published in The Hindu & Vijaya Karnataka on 07-07-2022, which was called for 3 packages (Package – 01, 02 and 03) among which publication of the work of Package-03 in e-procurement has been cancelled due to technical reasons and the Calendar of Events for Packages – 01 and 02 has been revised as mentioned below.

Sl.	Sl. No. as per Tender Notification	Dates given earlier		Revised Dates
1	Package-01 Package-02	Tender Documents may be downloaded from	15.07.2022	13.07.2022
		Last date for receipt of Queries	19.07.2022 5.00 P.M.	18.07.2022 5.00 P.M.
		Pre Bid Meeting	20.07.2022 11.30 A.M.	19.07.2022 11.30 A.M.
		Last Date for uploading the Filled Tender Document	05.08.2022 4.00 P.M.	22.07.2022 11.30 A.M.
		Date of Opening of Technical Bid	08.08.2022 11.30 A.M.	25.07.2022 4.30 P.M.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Sarvagnanagar Division, BBMP, Bengaluru

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Rajasthan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Bikaner

F. ( )RAJUVAS/Reg./R&P/ 2022/87 Dated: 11.07.2022

Recruitment Advertisement No. RAJUVAS/03-2022

Online applications are invited for the recruitment of **Assistant Professors** in constituent colleges of Dairy Science and Technology, and Dairy and Food Technology of this University. For detailed information along with general terms and conditions, essential qualifications, online application form etc., please visit the University website (**www.rajuvas.org**). The facility for filling up of online application form shall start from **10:00 AM on 14-07-2022** and the last date and time for submission of online applications is up to **5.00 PM on 04-08-2022.**

Raj.Samwad/C/22/4780 — **Registrar RAJUVAS, Bikaner**

GUJARAT URJA VIKAS NIGAM LIMITED
Sardar Patel Vidyut Bhavan,
Racecourse, Vadodara-390007
PBX : (0265) 2310582-86, Web : www.guvnl.com

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

GUVNL invites tenders for procurement of power through Competitive Bidding (followed by e-reverse auction) from 750 MW Non-Park based Solar Power Projects with Greenshoe option of additional 750 MW through RfS No. GUVNL / 750 MW / Solar (Phase XVI) dated 12.07.2022. For tender documents please visit the website www.bharat-electronictender.com and www.guvnl.com. The last date of bid submission is 23.08.2022

General Manager (RE & IPP)

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(An Institution of National Importance under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India)
धन्वंतरि नगर, पुदुचेरी / Dhanvantari Nagar, Puducherry - 605 006
Website: www.jipmer.edu.in / Ph : 0413 - 2296022 Fax: 0413 – 2272067 & 2272735

Admn-I/DR/1(2)/2022 Date: 13.07.2022

Director, JIPMER, Puducherry invites applications from eligible Indian nationals for the following posts:-

Sl. No.	Post Code	Name of Post	Number of Posts & Reservation: Total Posts	UR	EWS	OBC	SC	ST
		GROUP B POST						
1.	212022	Nursing Officer*	128	65	16	24	10	13#
2.	222022	X-Ray Technician (Radiotherapy)	3	-	1	-	1	1
3.	232022	X-Ray Technician (Radio-Diagnosis)	6	-	3	-	1	2
		TOTAL	137	65	20	24	12	16
		GROUP C POST						
1.	242022	Respiratory Laboratory Technician	2	2	-	-	-	-
		TOTAL	2	2	-	-	-	-
		Gr.B + Gr.C posts Total	139	67	20	24	12	16

* As per decision of the JIPMER Governing Body, 80% of posts of Nursing Officers are for female candidates and 20% for male candidates.

including backlog vacancies.

Note: *The number of posts is tentative and may change based on the requirement of the Institute. Any change will be notified before the selection examination on JIPMER website (www.jipmer.edu.in).*

Horizontal Reservation:

The vacancies indicated above include the following horizontal reservation:

Post Code No.	Name of Post	Posts identified to be reserved for persons with benchmark disabilities
212022	Nursing officer	8* posts
232022	X-Ray Technician (Radio-Diagnosis)	1 post

including backlog vacancies.

Note:- The candidates appointed under Horizontal Reservation i.e. PWBD quota will be placed against the respective category [SC / ST / EWS / OBC & Unreserved (UR)].

1. Details regarding age, qualification, experience, fees, mode of exam / payment and other conditions of eligibility etc. for each post are available at **www.jipmer.edu.in.**
2. Applications should be submitted **online only**. Online Registration starts from **21.07.2022** tentatively. The last date for closing of online application is **11.08.2022 till 04.30 PM.**

DIRECTOR

A BG-BCE

Bumrah masterclass demolishes England as Men in Blue go 1-0 up

The India spearhead's six for 19 and Shami's triple strike help the visitors skittle out the hosts for a paltry 110; Rohit does the rest with an unbeaten half-century

INDIA IN ENG

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LONDON

Jasprit Bumrah routed the top order as India thrashed 50-over world champion England by 10 wickets in the first one-day international at the Oval on Tuesday. Bumrah took a career-best six-for 19 as the hosts were dismissed for just 110 in 25.2 overs.

India captain Rohit Sharma, who won the toss, then made an unbeaten 76 before Shikhar Dhawan (31 n.o.) cut Brydon Carse for four as the visitors finished on 114 without loss, with more than 31 overs to spare.

Victory gave 2023 World Cup hosts India a 1-0 lead in a three-match series.

Bumrah produced an opening burst of four for nine in five overs.

England avoided the embarrassment of being dismissed for less than its record low completed ODI score of 86 all out against Australia at Old Trafford in 2001.

Four ducks

But an innings featuring four ducks in the tops six – Jason Roy, Joe Root, Ben Stokes and Liam Livingstone were all out for nought – saw England bowled out with nearly half of the 50 overs remaining.

Bumrah returned to clean up Brydon Carse and David Willey to surpass his only other five-wicket haul of his 71 match ODI career – five for 27 against Sri Lanka at Pallekelle five years ago.

Shami's feat

Mohammed Shami, Bumrah's new-ball partner, took three for 31 in seven overs as he became the fastest Indian and joint-third fastest to 150 ODI wickets in matches played in his 80th appearance.

England's innings boasted just four double-figure contributions, captain Jos Buttler top-scoring with 30 and Willey managed 21.

The tone was set when Roy, on his Surrey home ground, played on trying to drive Bumrah's fourth ball of the day. Two balls later, Root – the world's top-ranked Test batsman – was undone by a Bumrah delivery that lifted off a good length.

And in the next over Test captain Stokes fell for a golden duck when he inside-edged an intended drive off Shami and was brilliantly caught by diving wicketkeeper Rishabh Pant.

Jonny Bairstow, fresh from two hundreds in England's seven-wicket win in the Covid-delayed fifth Test against India at Edgbaston, then fell for seven, edging an excellent Bumrah delivery to Pant, who held a diving right-handed catch.

England was 26 for five in the eighth over when Livingstone, walking across his crease, was clean bowled leg-stump by Bumrah.

Buttler tried to turn the tide, hitting six fours in 32 balls faced, only to hoist Shami to deep square leg, where Suryakumar Yadav held a well-judged catch just inside the rope.

No. 11 Reece Topley hit England's first and only six with a well-struck drive off leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal but two balls later the innings was over when Bumrah bowled Willey with a thunderbolt yorker. Rohit was quickly into his stride, hitting legside sixes off Willey and Craig Overton. He also hooked Carse for six to complete a 49-ball fifty featuring six fours.

Commanding show: India completely dominated the proceedings as Bumrah rattled the timber at will with Shami playing perfect foil before Rohit turned it on with the bat. • AFP, GETTY IMAGES & AP

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND

Jason Roy b Bumrah 0 *(5b)*, Jonny Bairstow c Pant b Bumrah 7 *(20b, 1x4)*, Joe Root c Pant b Bumrah 0 *(2b)*, Ben Stokes c Pant b Shami 0 *(1b)*, Jos Buttler c Suryakumar b Shami 30 *(32b, 6x4)*, Liam Livingstone b Bumrah 0 *(8b)*, Moeen Ali c & b Prasidh 14 *(18b, 2x4)*, David Willey b Bumrah 21 *(26b, 3x4)*, Craig Overton b Shami 8 *(7b, 2x4)*, Brydon Carse b Bumrah 15 *(26b, 2x4)*, Reece Topley (not out) 6 *(7b, 1x6)*; Extras (lb-2, w-7): 9; Total (in 25.2 overs): 110.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-6 (Roy, 1.4 overs), 2-6 (Root, 1.6), 3-7 (Stokes, 2.4), 4-17 (Bairstow, 5.3), 5-26 (Livingstone, 7.5), 6-53 (Moeen, 13.5), 7-59 (Buttler, 14.3), 8-68 (Overton, 16.3), 9-103 (Carse, 23.2).

INDIA BOWLING

Shami 7-0-31-3, Bumrah 7.2-3-19-6, Hardik 4-0-22-0, Prasidh 5-0-26-1, Chahal 2-0-10-0

INDIA

Rohit Sharma (not out) 76 *(58b, 7x4, 5x6)*, Shikhar Dhawan (not out) 31 *(54b, 4x4)*; Extras (lb-2, w-5): 7; Total (for no loss in 18.4 overs): 114.

ENGLAND BOWLING

Willey 3-0-8-0, Topley 5-3-22-0, Overton 4-0-34-0, Carse 3.4-0-38-0, Stokes 1-0-1-0, Moeen 2-0-9-0.

Toss: India. **MoM:** Bumrah.

India won by 10 wickets with 31.2 overs remaining to take a 1-0 lead in three-match series.

Second ODI: July 14, Lord's, 5.30 p.m. IST.

Opting to bowl was the right call: Rohit

AGENCIES
LONDON

India skipper Rohit Sharma said that opting to bowl after winning the toss was a correct decision.

"Looking at the overhead conditions and the pitch, the toss was a right call to make. We used the conditions upfront really well. We never worry about the conditions because we have got the guys who can just come out and use those conditions.

"There was some swing and seam up front and we exploited them well. When you play in such conditions, you have to understand the assistance and have field placements accordingly," said Rohit in a post-match presentation.

Bumrah said, "There have been instances where I have bowled so much better than this and not got wickets. Both of us [he and Shami] had a conversation and decided we should go a little fuller and try to bowl a Test-match length,"

The third innings goes from place-holder to match-decider

BETWEEN WICKETS

SURESH MENON

At an Asian Games table tennis event long ago, a Korean coach explained to me the importance of the third ball attack. He broke it down thus: You serve, await the return and then attack it. It is commonplace now. Back then that strategy was innovative and coaches joked about the fourth ball and fifth ball attacks.

I was reminded of that in England where Bazball is the new mantra (one occasionally hears 'Benball' too – perhaps skipper Stokes hasn't been given enough credit) and fans love it.

The more cynical believe that the character of English cricket – safety first, risk-averse, look-before-you-leap – is too deeply ingrained and has had just enough success for everything to be thrown overboard now. Something has to give, they say.

But it is new (for England), it is attractive, it might reduce the number of drawn games, and it is beginning to bring the crowds back. Soon, as other countries catch on, the strategy will move from the innovative to the conventional. And that's when the strength of Bazball will be tested. How do you counter your own tactics thrown back at you by other teams?

Playing to win

Earlier, as the West Indies under Clive Lloyd and Viv Richards, and then Australia under Steve Waugh and Ricky Ponting ruled the world of cricket, such tactics were known as 'positive' cricket, or 'playing to win'.

Sometimes it took just three days to pick up the 20 wickets to win after making a big total in between. Great teams have usually played the Bazball style of cricket – Bradman's Australia, for instance. No one called it Bradzball or Lloyball or Waughball or anything.

Today's audiences prefer tactics to carry a label, perhaps for quick reference, perhaps because they sound pithy. And perhaps because there is just enough ambiguity to squeeze well-established manoueuvres into a more recent approach. There's no harm in that, and if Brendon McCallum is fated to be remembered for 'Bazball' rather than for his incredible hitting at the top of the batting order, that is the way things pan out sometimes.

Falling apart: India messing up the third innings of the Edgbaston Test cost it the match. • AP

An important element in Bazball, however, is the third innings of the match (and hence my recall of the third ball attack from another sport). Both New Zealand and India, who lost a total of four matches in England, messed up their second innings, the third of the match.

Serving England well

And with their own top batsmen in form, England consistently scored over 250 in the fourth to win. England's 'third innings attack', has served them superbly. It will be interesting to see how England themselves play the third innings when they bat first, even assuming the third innings attack might sometimes be the bowlers' job.

Cricket has seldom acknowledged the third innings as the deciding one in a Test. The first, naturally, since a good start is an important aspect of any game. The fourth, inevitably, since this is where teams hang on for a draw or play above themselves to win. The second innings (of four) is usually like a return of serve - it can be the start of a discussion or end one decisively. But that third innings somehow became the least important, not much talked about, the one used merely to mark time. It was the ugly sister in the fairytale that is cricket - but has now emerged as the princess, all golden slippers and shining crown.

Philosophers who compare cricket to life talk about the manner in which it gives a player a second chance. Failure may be followed by success. But, as England showed in the Edgbaston Test against India, the reverse could turn out to be equally true.

Success – India led by 132 in the first innings – might be followed by failure too. Sport being a zero sum game, one team's success is usually the opposition's failure, but to focus on ensuring that whatever happens in the first two innings of the match, it is the third that really matters is what Bazball has spelt out. And it's intriguing.

Fascinating resurgence

It is too early to draw any conclusions, of course. But England's resurgence has been fascinating. In the twelve years before now, England's strike rate in the fourth innings was 47. This summer over four Tests it has been 75. They scored at 4.6 runs per over compared to the 2.95 previously. Jonny Bairstow's strike rate over four Tests and four centuries has been 100, which is remarkable.

Can any team sustain this? Will England themselves be able to do so in India or Australia? It doesn't matter. Perhaps Bazball's greatest contribution might be a shift in focus. Its stated aim is not victory or defeat alone, but to bring more people into the game. And that is not such a bad thing.

Harmanpreet, Smriti rise in rankings

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
DUBAI

India captain Harmanpreet Kaur climbed one place to 13th while her deputy Smriti Mandhana was placed ninth in the ICC Women's ODI rankings released on Tuesday.

Other Indian batters who have progressed are Shafali Verma (three places to 33rd), Yastika Bhatia (up one place to 45th) and bowling-all rounder Pooja Vastrakar (up eight places to 53rd).

Bowlers' progress

Among the bowlers, Rajeshwari Gayakwad was up three places to joint-ninth while Meghna Singh (up four places to 43rd) and Pooja (up two places to joint-48th) have also made some progress.

Veteran pacer Jhulan Goswami, who did not feature in the white-ball assignments against Sri Lanka, held on to her sixth position in the bowlers' list.

Harmanpreet. • FILE PHOTO

The batting chart is headed by Australian Alyssa Healy followed by England's Natalie Sciver, while Englishwoman Sophie Ecclestone and South African Shabnim Ismail continue to take the first and second spots in bowling.

Erigaisi pulls off three stunning wins

Climbs to second, three points behind Sevian

CHESS

SPORTS BUREAU

Arjun Erigaisi underlined his skill-sets in rapid chess by bringing down Radolsaw Wojtaszek (Poland), Sam Shankland and Leinier Dominguez Perez (both USA) to climb to the second spot after eight rounds of the FTX Road to Miami online rapid chess tournament on Monday.

On a day when Arjun played four higher-seeded players – all rated over 2700 – his only draw came against China's Wei Yi. With three wins and a draw, Arjun raised his tally to 17/24, three points behind leader Samuel Sevian (USA).

Overnight leader Jeffery Xiong (USA) and Jan Krzysztof Duda (Poland) shared the third spot at 16/24.

In an event that offers three points for each win in the 16-player league stage, eight players qualify for the knockout stage. Seven more rounds remain.

Arjun Erigaisi. • FILE PHOTO

Erigaisi caught Wojtaszek, once a 'second' of Viswanathan Anand, in a checkmating net in 66 moves to make a fine start to the day. In the sixth round, the National champion punished Shankland for an erroneous judgement on the 43rd move and forced resignation six moves later.

The seventh round saw an equal battle between Erigaisi and Wei Yi who eventually forced a draw by perpetual checks in 41 moves. Against Perez, Erigaisi found the decisive breakthrough once his rival erred on the 30th move. With the queens still on the board, soon he held the advantage of having a rook against a bishop. Down a pawn and his position crumbling fast, Perez resigned on the 42nd move.

While Anish Giri recovered a lot of ground by matching Erigaisi's effort, the day's other noteworthy performer was the Women's world champion Ju Wenjun. The Chinese, who lost the first three rounds on Day One, bounced back to the seventh spot by stunning the formidable trio of Richard Rapport, Shankland and Wei Yi.

Savita stars as India tastes victory

Skipper's 'keeping skills shut out Canada in shoot-out

WORLD CUP

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
TERASSA (SPAIN)

Skipper-cum-goalkeeper Savita was in fine form as India defeated Canada 3-2 via shoot-out, after the teams were tied 1-1 at the end of regulation time, in their classification match of the FIH Women's Hockey World Cup here on Tuesday.

Madeline Secco (11th) handed Canada the lead before Salima Tete (58th) equalised for India. But it was Savita's heroics that gave India its first win of the tournament.

Savita pulled off six saves in the shootout, while Navneet Kaur, Sonika and Neha converted in the ninth to 16th place classification match.

Smarting from their disappointing loss to Spain, India started the match on an aggressive note. But, the Canadians bided their time and counter-attacked.

Leading from the front: Skipper Savita, right, was at her best when it mattered most. • FIH

As the game moved towards half-time, Navneet Kaur, Neha and Vandana Katariya moved with freedom and Canada looked very much on the back foot.

After the change of ends, India continued to pile on the pressure, with Lalremsiami making some speedy forays into the Canada circle. But Canada held firm, with Sara McManus and Hannah Haughn breaking down the attacks.

India's persistence finally paid off when Salima Tete punched home a rebound after Gurjit's flick from a penalty corner was saved by the Candian goalie.

LIVE TELECAST

West Indies vs Bangladesh: 2nd ODI, FanCode, 7 p.m.

TNPL 2022: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 7.15 p.m.

IN BRIEF

BAI to conduct CWG camp in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD

The Badminton Association of India (BAI) will conduct joint practice sessions for the Commonwealth Games-bound Indian shuttlers from July 18 to 24 in Hyderabad. The entire 10-member contingent will practice together before it leaves for Birmingham on July 25. At the last CWG held in Gold Coast in 2018, India finished on top with six medals — two golds, three silvers and a bronze

Dinesh and Sanketh excel for JSC

BENGALURU

Dinesh (40 points) and Sanketh (33) starred for JSC as it beat Rajmahal BC 138-84 in the State B-division league basketball tournament, here on Tuesday.

The results: JSC 138 (Dinesh 40, Sanketh 33) bt Rajmahal BC 84 (Shishir 26, Thanmay 18); Devanga Union 75 (Vishnu 21, Karan 12) bt Bosch 59 (Shreyas Shetty 19, Shashank 11); Bharath SU 87 (Akshay 20, Vatsa 14) bt KSP 69 (Mathi 26, Manoj 17); BSNL 74 (Yesu 23, Hareesh 23) bt Raising Star BC Mysore 45 (Supradeep 13, Arpan 11).

Mani 'tricks in MEG & Centre's facile win

BENGALURU

H. Mani scored a hat-trick as MEG & Centre beat Postal 5-2 to win the Hockey Karnataka League Championship, here on Tuesday. DYES-A finished second, followed by AGORC in third.

The results: MEG & Centre 5 (Pullaiah 14, H. Mani 17, 26, 38, Palanisamy 59) bt Postal 2 (Vinayak Bijwad 52, Ajith 56); DYES-A 3 (Harish Mutgar 2, Pranam Gowda 5, 44) drew with Canara Bank 3 (K.P. Somaiah 9, 14, Pruthvi Raj 43); Customs & GST 1 (P.L. Thimmanna 7) drew with AGORC 1 (Naeem 34).

Saurav, Joshna bullish on India's chances

Dipika, who has not played competitive singles for the last three years, to feature only in doubles

SQUASH

K. KEERTHIVASAN
CHENNAI

Saurav Ghosal and Joshna Chinappa sounded upbeat about India's chances at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games, to be held later this month.

Saurav, World No. 15, said Indian teams can win three to four medals, but with preparations for the Games just starting, it would all boil down to sharpening of skills at the camp. "Hopefully everything will come together in the next two weeks (at the camp here)," he said.

All set: The Indian squash contingent that hopes to do well at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Earnest preparation

The 35-year-old said he had been preparing earnestly in the USA with his coach David Palmer and is looking forward to the camp. "We are on the home stretch of preparations. It's all about keeping the body ticking by keeping the mind and body fresh," he said.

Joshna said this is "our best chance to win medals." The Asian champion and World No. 17 said while the focus is obviously on doubles, this time she will go all out to win a medal in singles as well.

"I think we definitely have a great chance to win a medal in doubles. But this time I will try to push for a medal in singles," she said.

Sparring partners

She said getting former World champion and World No. 1 Gregory Gaultier to Chennai to spar with the Indian players was the best thing to have happened to Indian squash.

"It's great to have someone of the calibre of Gregory (Gaultier). He still plays at an unbelievably high level. With his expertise and knowledge, it will definitely be a boost.

"And moreover, having Sebastien Bonmalais (French player ranked 33 in the world) to spar has been great. It's nice to have fresh minds. It's been great to get on court with them as well as have the whole Indian team together," she added.

Former World No. 10 Dipika Pallikal, who has not played competitive singles for the last three years, not surprisingly is featured only in doubles with Joshna, with whom she won a gold in the World doubles championships recently. "She's (Dipika) a doubles expert. After discussing with her, we decided she sticks to doubles," Cyrus Poncha, SRFI secretary said.

Fourteen-year-old Anahat Singh, S. Velavan and Abhay Singh will be making their debut in the Games.

The squads: Men: Singles: Saurav Ghosal, Ramit Tandon, Abhay Singh; **Doubles:** Ramit & Harinderpal Singh, S. Velavan & Abhay Singh.
Mixed doubles: Saurav & Dipika Pallikal; Ramit & Joshna Chinappa.
Women: Singles: Joshna, Sunayna Kuruvilla, Anahat Singh; **Doubles:** Joshna & Dipika; Sunayna & Anahat.
Coach: Chris Walker.

TAI makes online representation to GoM

RACING

VINAYAK M. ZODGE

An online representation was made by racehorse owner and senior Supreme Court advocate Aryama Sundaram and leading stud farm breeder Ameeta Mehra of Usha Stud, on behalf of the Turf Authorities of India (TAI), to the Group of Ministers (GoM) on Horse Racing, who had invited stakeholder representations.

"We are grateful to have been given the opportunity to speak, and hope that the age-long prestigious sport of horse-racing and breeding will be given its due status as a sport of skill," stated TAI.

Team GST was represented by Zavaray S. Poonawalla, Harimohan Naidu, Ramesh Rangarajan and Ameeta Mehra.

HCL and SRFI announce slew of initiatives

SRFI secretary says the sport has grown by leaps and bounds

K. KEERTHIVASAN
CHENNAI

HCL and Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) on Tuesday announced a series of initiatives to improve the ecosystem of Indian squash.

Speaking at a press conference here, HCL's Head of Brand Rajat Chandolia said his company's objective was to multiply the potential of squash.

"It (our initiative) is not just for pro players, it is also for coaches, referees, amateur players so that the sport flourishes," he said.

The HCL Squash Podium Program started in 2016, Rajat said has benefited Indian squash and has made an impact on senior and junior Indian players.

The game plan: Ghosal, Poncha, Chandolia and Joshna at the press conference. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"We have got PSA (International) tournaments to India for players who are unable to travel abroad.

"Moreover, we've had High Performance camps for junior players, coaches clinics – Level-I and Level-II – and referees clinics."

Rajat said HCL might have three/four multi-city PSA events in India in the near-future.

"It will be like what we did in 2019-20. We are also planning to do a few grassroots programs. We will also do Senior Nationals and the Indian junior Open," he said.

SRFI's secretary Cyrus Poncha said squash has grown by leaps and bounds thanks to the efforts of the Sports Authority of India and Union Sports Ministry.

"Now with HCL's fabulous support, the sport is growing further. In the last six years (with HCL), Indian squash has benefited by touching the lives of lots of players," he said.

Final selection to NBA Academy from tomorrow

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The final selection for the NBA Academy will feature 30 players from across the country in a camp to be staged at the Jaypee Greens, Greater Noida, from July 14 to 16.

After the start at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium here in May, the selection process visited other cities like Kottayam, Ludhiana, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai, gaining overwhelming response from about 1600 players.

Ramkumar-Smith combine advances

INDIANS ABROAD

SPORTS BUREAU

Ramkumar Ramanathan and John-Patrick Smith beat second seeds Hanss Hach Verdugo and Hunter Reese 6-3, 6-4 in the doubles first round of the $665,330 ATP tennis tournament in Newport.

Other results: First round: $665,330 ATP, Newport, USA: Qualifying singles: William Blumberg (US) bt Ramkumar Ramanathan 3-6, 7-5, 6-4.

$25,000 ITF men, Idanha-a-Nova, Portugal: Jaime Faria (Por) bt Adil Kalyanpur 6-2, 6-2.

$15,000 ITF men, Monastir, Tunisia: Niki Poonacha bt Ilia Simakin 6-2, 7-6(4).

Women: Dayeon Back (Kor) bt Jennifer Luikham 6-7(4), 6-3, 6-1.

$25,000 ITF women, Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan: Momoko Kobori (Jpn) & Ankita Raina bt Anastasia Sukhotina & Ilay Yoruk (Tur) 7-5, 6-1.

Vivaan falters after good show in qualification

Mehuli, Shahu qualify in first place for mixed air rifle second stage

SHOOTING

SPORTS BUREAU

Vivaan Kapoor was in superb form as he qualified for the ranking round with the second best score of 122 out of 125, but could not make it to the medal stage in men's trap in the shooting World Cup in Changwon, Korea, on Tuesday.

Prithviraj Tondaiman shot 120 and lost the chance to compete in the next stage as he crashed out early in the shoot-off for the last three slots in an eight-way tie.

China's Qi Ying, who was the last to make the cut in the shoot-off after 120 in qualification, went on to win the gold, beating Lorenzo Ferrari of Italy 29-27.

Vivaan Kapoor. • FILE PHOTO

The women's trap gold was also won by China's Wu Cuicui, beating Penny Smith of Australia 31-30.

In men's air pistol, India had a lot of hope as three shooters Naveen, Shiva Narwal and Sagar Dangi made the ranking round, but they eventually finished fourth to sixth in that order.

Naveen, who had shot an impressive 587 in qualification, missed a medal by 0.8 point to Paolo Monna of Italy, while Damir Mikec of Serbia won the gold.

In women's air pistol, Yuvika Tomar finished seventh, while Zorana Arunovic of Serbia won the gold, beating Ai Wen Yu of Chinese Taipei 16-4. Palak Ghulia and Rhythm Sangwan shot 573 and missed the ranking round by one point.

In mixed air pistol, Palak Ghulia and Shiva Narwal had shot the third best score of 574 in qualification, to make it to the second stage. The other Indian pair of Rhythm and Naveen shot 570 and missed further progress by two points. In mixed air rifle, Mehuli Ghosh and Shahu Tushar Mane shot 634.3 to qualify in the first place for the second stage.

Missing out

The main pair of Elavenil Valarivan and Arjun Babuta shot 627.8 for the eighth place, missing a berth in the second stage by 0.3 point.

India was in joint third place with the Czech Republic on the medals table with the gold won by Arjun Babuta, behind China and Serbia (two golds).

The results: 10m air pistol: Men: 1. Damir Mikec (Srb) 17 (253.3) 583; 2. Lluca Tesconi (Ita) 5 (251.8) 579; 3. Paolo Monna (Ita) 251.5 (582); 4. Naveen 250.7 (587); 5. Shiva Narwal 199.7 (580); 6. Sagar Dangi 199.2 (582).

Women: 1. Zorana Arunovic (Srb) 16 (251.8) 584; 2. Ai Wen Yu (Tpe) 4 (252.0) 584; 3. Veronika Major (Hun) 247.9 (579); 4. Anna Korakaki (Gre) 247.1 (588); 7. Yuvika Tomar 147.1 (576); 10. Palak Ghullia 573; 11. Rhythm Sangwan 573; **RPO:** Manu Bhaker 573; Esha Singh 570.

Trap: Men: 1. Qi Ying (Chn) 29 (21) 120; 2. Lorenzo Ferrari (Ita) 27 (22) 121; 3. Daniele Resca (Ita) 21 (22) 121; 4. Valerio Grazini (Ita) 11 (23) 121; Vivaan Kapoor 12 (122); 13. Prithviraj Tondaiman 120; 23. Bhowneesh Mendiratta 117.

Women: 1. Wu Cuicui (Chn) 31 (21) 115; 2. Penny Smith (Aus) 30 (22) 122; 3. Lucy Charlotte Hall (GBR) 19 (20) 115; 4. Giulia Grassia (Ita) 11 (20) 119; 13. Neeru 112; 22. Preeti Rajak 102.

Farah reveals a shocking truth

REUTERS
LONDON

Multiple Olympic and World champion Mo Farah was brought to Britain from Djibouti at the age of nine and was forced to do housework and childcare in exchange for food, he told the BBC on Monday.

The 39-year-old Briton, who was born in Somalia, added his name had been changed to Mohamed Farah from Hussein Abdi Kahin in the fake travel documents used to fly him to Britain by a woman he had never met before.

Tough times

Once he arrived in the UK, the woman took him to her home in Hounslow, west London, and tore apart a paper with the contact details of his relatives. Her family did not allow him to go to school until the age of 12. "For years I just kept blocking it out, but you can only block it out for so long," he said in the BBC documentary, which will be broadcast this week.

Mo Farah. • REUTERS

"Often I would just lock myself in the bathroom and cry. The only thing I could do to get away from this (living situation) was to get out and run."

His physical education teacher Alan Watkinson contacted social services and helped him find a foster family in the Somali community after Farah told him what he was going through.

"I felt like a lot of stuff was lifted off my shoulders, and I felt like me. That's when Mo came out – the real Mo," Farah said.

"I had no idea there were so many people who are going through exactly the same thing that I did. It just shows how lucky I was."

Cort Nielsen claims stage 10

Pogacar retains yellow after a protest-interrupted race

TOUR DE FRANCE

REUTERS
MEGEVE

Denmark's Magnus Cort Nielsen won the 10th stage of the Tour de France, a 148.5-km Alpine trek from Morzine amid a climate activists' interruption on Tuesday.

The race was stopped for about 10 minutes after half a dozen of climate activists tried to block the riders 36 kilometres from the finish. They were pulled off the road by police and a senior race organiser before the race resumed.

Nielsen prevailed in a nail-biting sprint finish from the day's breakaway to claim his second career stage win on the Tour after 2018. Australian Nick Schultz took second and Spain's Luis Leon Sanchez was third.

Two-time defending champion Tadej Pogacar, who has lost two teammates following positive COVID-19 tests, retained the overall leader's yellow jersey.

Close win: Nielsen, right, pips Schultz at the finish line. • AP

Germany's Lennard Kaemna, who was in the leading group all day, came close to snatching the overall lead and now sits in second place, 11 seconds behind Pogacar.

Fast start

A 25-man breakaway took shape after an extremely fast start, featuring former stage winners Cort Nielsen, Sanchez, Ion Izaguirre, Edvald Boasson Hagen, Philippe Gilbert, Simon Clark, Pierre Rolland and Lennard Kaemna.

Sanchez made his move some six kilometres from the line but was caught by Matteo Jorgenson, Schultz and Dylan van Baarle. As the four played cat and mouse in the final straight, Cort Nielsen surged from the back and outsprinted Schultz for a photo-finish victory.

Services pugilists rule the roost in the men's section

Haryana brooks no resistance in the women's category

BOXING

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Services Sports Control Board (SSCB) (81 points) and Haryana (72) clinched the men's and women's team championships in the 5th National youth boxing here on Monday.

Haryana and Madhya Pradesh finished second and third in the men's section with 44 and 28 points. Among women, Maharashtra and Delhi were second and third with 34 and 18 points.

On the final day, SSCB won nine of its 11 finals and finished at the top with 11 medals, including two silver medals.

Haryana's women bagged 11 medals, including two silver medals.

Reigning Asian youth champion S. Vishwanath (48kg) started the day's proceedings for Services with a 4-1 win over Haryana's Vishesh in a close bout.

Haryana's women bagged 11 medals, including two silver medals. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

SSCB won nine of the 11 finals it competed in on the final day. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The other eight gold medal winners for SSCB were Jadumani Mandengbam (51kg), Ashish (54kg), Nikhil Kumar (57kg), Harsh (60kg), Preet Malik (63.5kg), Ankush Panghal (67kg), Deepak (75kg), Mohit (86kg).

Anjani Kumar (71kg) and Rytham (92+kg) were the two silver medallists for SSCB.

Haryana's Sahil Chauhan (71kg), who defeated SSCB's Anjani Kumar 3-2 in the final, was adjudged the best boxer while Haryana's Akshat received the 'most promising boxer' award. Bharat Joon (92kg) was the other gold medallist from Haryana.

Leading the way

In the women's section, led by Bhawna's (48kg) 4-1 win over Delhi's Sanjana and Asian youth champion Tamanna's (50kg) 5-0 win over Himachal Pradesh's Kashish, nine Haryana boxers won their finals.

Neeru Khatri (54kg), Ravina (63kg), Priyanka (66kg), Lashu Yadav (70kg), Muskan (75kg), Pranjal Yadav (81kg) and Kirti (81+kg) were the other seven gold medallists. Anjali (52kg) and Prachi (60kg) were the two silver medallists for Haryana.

Devika Ghorpade of Maharashtra got the better of Haryana's Anjali 5-0 in the 52kg final and adjudged the best boxer. Meanwhile, Haryana's Prachi (60kg) was adjudged the most promising boxer.

Aarya Bartakke (57kg) was Maharashtra's second gold medallist as she defeated Naom Chingsanuami of Mizoram.